Jazz Composition



Professional Diploma

Catalog Year: 2025F Program Code: PDM4.JCMP

Credits Required

This grid is meant to be used as a planning aide. It does not need to be followed exactly as written. Please consult with a student success advisor and your department chairs with any questions.

SEMESTERS Study Abroad - please contact your major chair or studyabroad@berklee.edu Course Number Course Title 3 4 5 6 JAZZ COMPOSITION MAJOR: 30 Credits Required 30 ISKB-211 & ISKB-212 Basic Keyboard 1 & 2 2 AR-112 Arranging 2 2 AR-228 Survey of Jazz Composition and Arranging AR-201 Chord Scale Voicings for Arranging 2 2 AR-331 Big Band Arranging/Score Analysis MLAN-352 or MLAN-353 2 The Music of Duke Ellington or the Music of Charles Mingus 2 CM-371 Jazz Composition 1 CM-373 Jazz Composition 2 (All students must pass the Score & Parts Proficiency) 2 CM-375 Jazz Composition 3 2 CP-361 & CP-362 Jazz Counterpoint 1 & 2 2 2 CM-499 Directed Study in Jazz Composition CM-489 Jazz Composition Portfolio Major Electives* 2 * Major Electives: AR-323, AR-340, AR-407, CM-320, CM-385, CM-470, HR-325, HR-335, HR-365, IN-495, JC-470, or PW-240 MAJOR-SPECIFIC CORE MUSIC AND LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES - 6 Credits Required 6 ET 211, ET-223, or ET-231 Ear Training 3, Ear Training 3 Entering, or Solfege 1 ET-212, ET-224, or ET-232 Ear Training 4, Ear Training 4 Entering, or Solfege 2 2 COND-211 or COND-216 Conducting 1 or Conducting 1 with Live Keyboard 1 COND-212 or COND-217 Conducting 2 or Conducting 2 with Live Keyboard CORE MUSIC - 35 Credits Required 35 Performance Plxx-111 Private Instruction - Level 1 (50 minutes) Plxx-112 Private Instruction - Level 2 (50 minutes) 2 Plxx-211 Private Instruction - Level 3 (30 minutes) Plxx-212 Private Instruction - Level 4 (30 minutes) 1 Instrumental Labs 1 lLxx Ensembles 1 FNxx Non-Performance PW-111 Music Application and Theory AR-111 or AR-123 Arranging 1 Entering or Arranging 1 Continuing 2 2 HR-112 or HR-114 Harmony 2 or Harmony 2 Entering HR-211, HR-213 or HR-215 Harmony 3, Harmony 3 Entering, or Harmony 3 Intensive 2 HR-212, HR-214 or HR-216 Harmony 4, Harmony 4 Entering, or Harmony 4 Intensive 2 Ear Training 2 or Ear Training 2 Entering 2 ET-112 or ET-123 2 CM-211 Tonal Harmony and Composition 1 CM-212 Tonal Harmony and Composition 2 2 CP-210 The Art of Counterpoint 1 3 Students should enroll in an ensemble (ENxx) and private instruction (Plxx) during their first four full-time semesters. Two credits of performance studies (PSxx), excluding PSH, PST, & PSEM, may replace two credits of ensembles or labs Additional PSxx courses, excluding PSH-xxx, may be taken as general electives or major elective credits, depending on major. LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES - 6 Credits Required 6 MTEC-111 or MTEC-122 Introduction to Music Technology or Accelerated Introduction to Music Technology 2 LENS-10x* Engaging Seminar^{*} LHUM-400 Professional Development Seminar English as a Second Language - An assessment is required for all non-native English speakers. Students may be required to complete ESL courses based on the results of the assessment, which will apply as liberal arts and sciences electives or general electives. Professional Diploma students who are not required to take LENS will take an additional two credits of liberal arts and sciences in place of LENS GENERAL ELECTIVES - 19 Credits Required 19 SEMESTER CREDIT TOTALS - - > 12 13 **Total Required Credits**