

Program Research & Recommendation

New Program Proposal Form

☒ Degree ☐ Certificate of Achievement

New Program Title: Associate of Arts in Music

Initiator: Ryan Heimlich

First Semester Intended to Offer: Fall 2024

Program Description:

The Associate of Arts Degree in Music provides technical and artistic foundations to students interested in pursuing careers in music and music-related fields. The Associate of Arts Degree in Music is a forward thinking degree that instructs students in performance, theory and composition, culture, technology, and business in an effort to prepare students for work in the modern music industry. In addition to courses in reading and writing music, students gain performance skills through instruction on an instrument or voice as well as through ensemble performance. Studies in the aesthetic and historical traditions of various musical cultures provide students with knowledge of the roles and functions of music in society. Students are introduced to the music industry and develop a working knowledge of music technology. This degree can also serve as preparation for additional musical studies or degrees for students wishing to transfer to a baccalaureate degree program as a music major.

The goal of this program is to create a desirable and forward-thinking AA in Music that prepares students for transfer or prepares them to be competitive and active participants in the music industry. This program would build on the courses in the AA-T degree by requiring courses in music industry, piano, and technology and electives in composition, jazz, music education, etc. Students would leave Butte with a degree that not only teaches them how to be quality musicians but how to be quality participants in the music industry.

Program Courses:

Course No.	Title	Units
	See attached list	28.5-31

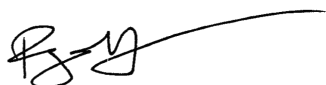
Potential need for/interest in program:

Butte College recently updated and implemented a new Music AA-T Degree. The AA-T degree is an excellent choice for some students, but other students would benefit from a Music AA Degree. We already offer the vast majority of courses needed, but the AA would simply require more of them. Students would have the option of earning both the AA and the AA-T, ensuring that students would be very prepared for transfer. Additionally, students would have many options available for them for transfer.

Program needs: (general fund requirements, equipment needs, facility/space requirements, etc.)

This program would exist within the existing Music Department. No additional needs outside of the existing needs of the music department.

Signature:



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Associate of Arts in Music	
Major Units	28.5-31
Theory/Musicianship	
MUS 80: Theory/Musicianship I	4
MUS 82: Theory/Musicianship II	4
MUS 84: Theory/Musicianship III	4
<i>unit subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>
Applied Music: four semesters	
MUS 88: Applied Music	0.5
<i>unit subtotal</i>	<i>2</i>
Ensembles: four semesters	
MUS 60: Orchestra	1
MUS 61: Pop Band	1
MUS 63: Symphonic Band	1
MUS 64: Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS 65: Jazz Combo (in review)	1
MUS 67: Percussion Ensemble	1
MUS 68: Guitar Ensemble	1
MUS 69: Chamber Music (in review)	1
MUS 70: Choir	1
MUS 71: Chamber Singers (in review)	1
<i>unit subtotal</i>	<i>4</i>
Keyboard Skills: choose 2 units based on placement exam	
MUS 40: Piano I	1
MUS 41: Piano II	1
MUS 42: Piano III	1
MUS 43: Piano IV	1
<i>unit subtotal</i>	<i>2</i>
Music Business & Technology	
MUS 90: Music Business (in review)	2
MUS 51: Digital Music Production	2
<i>unit subtotal</i>	<i>4</i>
Electives: choose two courses	4.5-7
MUS 2: History of Rap and Hip Hop Culture (in review)	3
MUS 4: Song Writing	2
MUS 5: American Popular Music	3
MUS 6: Women and Music	3
MUS 7: Jazz Appreciation	3
MUS 8: Music of Latin America (in review)	3
MUS 9: World Music	3
MUS 86: Theory/Musicianship IV	4
MUS 87: Composition (in review)	3
MUS 89: Jazz Composition and Arranging (in review)	3
MUS 92: Introduction to Music Education (in review)	2.5
Plus GE requirements	