

Music Composition

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<p>About the Program Create with Purpose and Passion</p> <p>The Music Composition Certificate at Columbus State University gives you hands-on training in composing original music for live performance and digital platforms. Whether you're interested in acoustic or electro-acoustic music, this certificate helps you grow your creative voice while learning techniques in theory, orchestration, and digital production.</p> <p>Apply Now</p> <p>Request Info</p> <p>Customize Your Degree</p> <p>Acoustic (Track) Focuses on traditional composition skills including counterpoint, instrumentation, and transcription. You will take private lessons and participate in a required recital of original works.</p> <p>View Program of Study</p> <p>Electro-Acoustic (Track) Designed for students interested in electronic or computer-based music. Courses include Electronic Music, Digital Signal Processing, and applied composition using digital tools.</p> <p>View Program of Study</p>	<p>Total Credit Hours: 13 Hours</p> <p>Delivery Format: On Campus</p> <p>Completion Time: 2 years</p> <p>Required: Final recital</p> <p>Academic Unit: Schwob School of Music</p>	<p>View the Program of Study</p> <p>View Admission Requirements</p> <p>View Program-Specific Requirements</p>

Program Highlights Your Academic Experience

- Open to all Schwob School of Music majors—no prior composition experience required
- **Choose between Acoustic or Electro-Acoustic tracks based on your interests**
- Study **one-on-one** with faculty in applied composition lessons for at least three semesters
- **Showcase your work in a 30-minute recital of original compositions**
- Gain skills in orchestration, form, phrasing, notation, and contemporary techniques
- Electro-Acoustic students **learn to compose** with software and digital audio tools

What Can You Do With This Degree?

Explore job trends, average salaries, and growing opportunities so you can see how your degree connects to meaningful career pathways and the future of your field.

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Admission Requirements Your Pathway to CSU



Program-Specific Admission Requirements

Students must be enrolled in a degree program within the Schwob School of Music to pursue this certificate. No prior experience in composition is required.

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Institutional Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet our institutional admissions requirements to be accepted into Columbus State University.

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