
Bachelor of Music Changes for 2016

Why Change The Program?

- All degrees must comply with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- Bachelor of Music rules were changed for 2015 to meet AQF requirements
- School of Music was asked to address specific additional concerns following those changes



Yet another review of the Bachelor of Music for 2016

What Changes About The Program?

From 2016, the Bachelor of Music:

- Is a 4-year **Honours** degree
- With the option for up to #16 of completely elective courses
- And Honours projects in **all** fields of study

By comparison, the current Bachelor of Music:

- Is a 4-year **Pass** degree with the **option** of Honours for students with a GPA of 5.8 or more
- With the option for up to #8 of completely elective courses
- And Honours projects only in musicology and music education

What Else Changes About The Program?

- Part A is #22 instead of #26 (second year Music Techniques and Aural Skills courses are combined together)
- Majors are #12 instead of #14
- Minors are #6 instead of #8
- *Performance* Extended Major is #18 instead of #22
- Elective courses are #16 instead of #8

- *General Music* Major and Minor are renamed *Music Learning*
- New Minor in *Music Psychology*
- In 2017, there will be a new Minor in *Music Technology*

Is That All The Changes?

- Dual degrees with BA and BSc are 5 years long
- Third and fourth year Practical Studies courses are #4 instead of #6 and #8 respectively
- Third and fourth year Chamber Studies courses are #4 year-long courses instead of two #2 semester-long courses
- All students complete #6 Music Thesis course in fourth year
- New courses in
 - Music, Cognition and Development*
 - Music in War, Protest and Peace*
 - Introduction to Musical Analysis*
- All courses are to be offered each year

What Changes For Me?

Existing students can complete the Bachelor of Music under the rules as they were in the year in which they commenced the program

However, the School of Music *strongly* encourages all continuing students to transfer to the new program at the beginning of 2016

Why Should I Transfer?

1. This structure gives you the best learning experiences
2. You have more flexibility because you have more elective courses
3. Entry to Honours does not require a GPA prerequisite
4. Honours is available in performance and composition and integrated across the fourth year curriculum

If you choose to change your current program (for example, from a single to a dual degree, or from the Pass degree to the Honours degree) you **must** transfer to the 2016 version of the program

Students interested in transferring should attend the upcoming seminar in September (date TBA) about the changes to Honours

What Does The 2016 BMusHons Program Look Like?

| Component | Size |
|---------------------|------------|
| Part A | #22 |
| Major from Part B | #12 |
| Minor from Part B | #6 |
| Honours from Part H | #8 |
| Electives | #16 |
| TOTAL | #64 |

What Does The Performance Extended Major Look Like?

| Course | Units |
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| MUSC3145 Advanced Chamber Music Performance 1 | #4 |
| MUSC3211 Practical Studies 3 | #4 |
| MUSC3900 Music Career Skills and Entrepreneurship | #2 |
| MUSC4145 Advanced Chamber Music Performance 2 | #4 |
| MUSC4211 Practical Studies 4 | #4 |
| TOTAL | #18 |

I Have Questions ...

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