



Bachelor of Music 2026 transitional plan

This planner will assist you in the completion of your program as it transitions to a new structure from 2026.

If you have questions about this plan or need help to map out the remainder of your study, please contact either the [CASS Student Office](#), or the convener for this program. The convener for the Bachelor of Music is Dr Pat O'Grady - Pat.OGrady@anu.edu.au

Changes to the Bachelor of Music:

The following advice applies to students who commenced in the Bachelor of Music:

- in 2024 or prior (pages 1-4)
- In 2025 (pages 5-6)

Review your studies and tick off the courses you have completed. If a course is no longer offered see advice for alternatives below. There may also be new courses or majors available.

Students who commenced in 2024 or prior

The Bachelor of Music requires completion of 144 units, of which:

A maximum of 60 units can come from completion of 1000 level courses.

A minimum of 84 units must come from completion of courses from the subject area MUSI Music and courses from any majors listed in the Bachelor of Music.

The 144 units must consist of:

12 units from completion of the following compulsory courses:

Course Code	Title	Advice
MUSI1501	Aural Skills and Music Theory 1	<p>This course was re-named as MUSI1501 Foundational Musicianship in 2025, and has been disestablished from 2026. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed this course, you may complete MUSI1117 Ears and Dots: Aural and Theory For The Modern World as a substitute.</p>

MUSI1502	Aural Skills and Music Theory 2	<p>This course has been disestablished from 2026. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted towards your program.</p> <p>If you have not completed this requirement, MUSI2231 Topics in Music Analysis can be taken as a substitute. This course may be taken multiple times, provided you enrol in a different topic in each instance/semester.</p>
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12 units from completion of courses on the following list:

Course Code	Title	Advice
MUSI2503	Aural Skills and Music Theory 3	<p>These courses were disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed any of these courses, they will still be counted towards your program.</p>
MUSI2504	Aural Skills and Music Theory 4	
MUSI2507	Advanced Jazz Studies 1	<p>If you have not completed this requirement, MUSI2231 Topics in Music Analysis can be taken as a substitute. This course may be taken multiple times, provided you enrol in a different topic in each instance/semester.</p>
MUSI2508	Advanced Jazz Studies 2	

A minimum of 6 units must come from completion of courses on the following list, which may be double counted towards one major or minor in which they are listed:

Course Code	Title	Advice
INDG2002	Contemporary Australian Indigenous Music Studies	
MUSI2222	Music in the Long 19th Century: From Classicism to Modernism	These courses were disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed any of these courses, they will still be counted towards your program.
MUSI2228	Music from 1900 to the Present: A Century of Crisis and Change	If you have not completed this requirement, you may complete MUSI3317 Music and Politics . This course may be taken multiple times, provided you enrol in a different topic in each instance/semester.
MUSI1113	Introduction to Ethnomusicology	This course was disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted. If you have not completed this course, you may complete MUSI3327 Ethnomusicology .

12 units from completion of the following compulsory courses, which may be double counted towards one major or minor in which it is listed:

Course Code	Title	Advice
MUSI1110	Introduction to Music Technology	
MUSI2211	Writing about Music 1: Styles and Theories	This course was disestablished from 2025. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted. If you have not completed this course, you may complete either: MUSI2234 Music, History, and Culture or MUSI2237 Music and Wellbeing or MUSI3327 Ethnomusicology

48 units from completion of one of the following majors:

Title	Advice
Composition for Film and Video Games	This major was disestablished from 2025. Please see the Composition for Film and Video Games Major plan for further information.
Composition	This major has been disestablished from 2026. Please see the Composition Major plan for further information.
Music Technology	This major was disestablished from 2025. Please see the Music Technology Major plan for further information.
Musicology	This major was disestablished from 2025. Please see the Musicology Major plan for further information.
Performance	This major has been disestablished from 2026, however most of the courses remain. Please see the Performance Major plan for further information.
Contemporary Music Production	This major replaced the Music Technology major from 2025. You may choose to complete this major if you have space remaining in your degree.

A minimum of 48 units from completion of elective courses offered by ANU.

Students who commenced in 2025

The Bachelor of Music requires completion of 144 units, of which:

A maximum of 60 units may come from completion of 1000 level courses

A minimum of 84 units must come from completion of courses from the subject area MUSI Music and courses from any majors listed in the Bachelor of Music

A minimum of 12 units of courses tagged as Transdisciplinary Problem-Solving

The 144 units must consist of:

18 units from completion of the following compulsory courses:

Course Code	Title	Advice
MUSI1501	Foundational Musicianship	<p>This course has been disestablished from 2026. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed this course, you may complete MUSI1117 Ears and Dots: Aural and Theory For The Modern World as a substitute.</p>
MUSI2235	Critical Music Studies	<p>This course has been disestablished from 2026. If you have already completed this course, it will still be counted.</p> <p>If you have not completed this course, you may complete either:</p> <p>MUSI2237 Music and Wellbeing</p> <p>or</p> <p>MUSI3327 Ethnomusicology</p>
MUSI3328	Music Practice as Research	

12 units from completion of MUSI2231 Topics in Music Analysis, which must be completed more than once, in a different Topic in each instance

48 units from completion of one of the following majors:

Title	Advice
Composition	This major has been disestablished from 2026. Please see the Composition Major plan for further information.
Contemporary Music Production	There have been some changes to this major. Please see the Contemporary Music Production plan for further information.
Performance	This major has been disestablished from 2026, however most of the courses remain. Please see the Performance Major plan for further information.

6 units from completion of a course from the following list:

Course Code	Title	Advice
INDG2002	Contemporary Australian Indigenous Music Studies	
MUSI2234	Music, History, and Culture	
MUSI2236	Music, and Globalisation	

A maximum of 12 units from completion of courses from the subject area MUSI Music

A minimum of 48 units from completion of elective courses offered by ANU.