

COMMERCIAL MUSIC (CERTIFICATE T0874)

Arts Division Certificate T0874

The certificate in Commercial Music prepares students for entry-level work in the commercial music industry. The program includes music and audio courses that cover the performance, creative, technical, and business concepts needed to succeed in the field of commercial music. Students will learn to write, compose, and arrange modern commercial music; perform commercial music in live and recording settings; produce, record, and mix commercial music; collaborate effectively in commercial music settings; and integrate commercial music practices in a variety of musical and non-musical settings. This program is distinct from our Music program because it addresses modern, commercial music rather than traditional music genres. It also relies on digital music technologies more than traditional instruments. It differs from our Audio Arts program in that it is focused on the creation and production of music rather than the technical operation of audio equipment. The Commercial Music program provides a balance of performance, creative, and technical skills not found in these related programs on campus. Because the commercial music industry is highly competitive, job placement is not guaranteed. However, the Los Angeles area is the center of the industry and graduates will be well-positioned for jobs and careers such as musical performer, music producer, music director, songwriter, sound designer, disc jockey, music scorer, copyist, and sound editor. Enrollment is open to all interested students although previous experience with musical performance and music technology is recommended.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Required Courses		29
MUS 110A	Music Fundamentals for Musicians	
MUS 120	Music Theory I	
MUS 125	Musicianship I	
MUS 160	Individual Instruction <small>(take 4 times for 2 units)</small>	
MUS 171	Piano II	
MUSA 100	Fundamentals of Audio Technology	
MUSA 120	Electronic Music	
MUSA 130	Business of Audio Production	
MUSA 150	Audio Recording	
MUSA 160	Live Sound Engineering	
MUSA 230	Songwriting	
Required Electives		
Complete 3 units from the following list		3
MUSA 200	Audio Production	
MUSA 210	Audio for Multimedia	
MUSA 220	Sound Performance and Synthesis	
Complete 4 units from the following list		4
MUS 27	Chamber Music	
MUS 29	Choral Workshop	
MUS 30	Collegiate Chorale	
MUS 31	Concert Choir	
MUS 33	Opera Scenes	
MUS 34	Women's Vocal Ensemble	
MUS 36	Wind Symphony	
MUS 38	Ensemble	

MUS 39	Laboratory Band
MUS 44	Vocal Jazz Ensemble
MUS 45	Chamber Singers
MUS 47	Jazz Ensemble
MUS 48	Men's Vocal Ensemble
MUS 49	Wind Ensemble
MUS 50	Jazz Improvisation and Performance Choir
MUS 51	Contemporary A Cappella Ensemble
MUS 52	Madrigal Singers
MUS 180	DJ Performance
MUS 181	Pop/Rock Band
MUS 185	Advanced Commercial Music Ensemble

Total Units **36**

Program Learning Outcomes

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.