

MUSIC COMPOSITION (UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

Program Overview

The Composition Certificate offers students from various majors and degrees within the Schwob School of Music the opportunity to study composition and related topics. This 13-credit hour program consists of two possible foci: Acoustic and Electro#Acoustic. For both tracks, students spend a minimum of three semesters engaged in applied lessons, which focus on techniques of notation and exploration of the contemporary idiom. Additionally, students are required to take part in seminar study in composition, investigate traditional form and phrasing, and organize a half recital of their works (30 minutes). In the Acoustic track, students must complete a fourth semester of applied lessons as well as investigate counterpoint and instrumentation. In lieu of this option, the Electro#Acoustic focus includes courses in Computer Music. Students pursuing any major within the Schwob School of Music are eligible to pursue the Composition Certificate, regardless of previous experience composing.