

SONGWRITING, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Songwriting Certificate of Achievement provides students with fundamental tools, techniques, and best-practices necessary to succeed as a songwriter. Students explore lyric writing, melody, harmony, theory, arranging, and strategies employed by some of the most well-known songwriters. After successfully completing this certificate a student will be equipped with the tools necessary to start a career as a songwriter. Students may also be hired as a composer, recording artist, music producer, or arranger.

The Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Songwriting Certificate of Achievement will be able to:

- compose melodies that demonstrate range, shape, and phrase structure that are appropriate for popular music.
- create their own original music by means of sequencing software, and demonstrate a knowledge of relevant topics and social issues pertaining to current trends in music technology.
- demonstrate appropriate vocal styles for selected song literature and show improvements in their individual singing using proper vocal techniques.
- understand the basics of intellectual property rights, including an understanding of works of authorship and copyright.
- create a financial and business plan in order to enter the music industry, and identify the roles of personal managers, booking agents, publicists, radio promoters, concert promoters, music attorneys, record producers, and studio musicians.
- compose chord progressions that are frequently used in popular music and demonstrate ability to recognize and compose songs in these forms: Refrain, 32 Bar AABA, 12 Bar Blues.
- read and notate music, construct key signatures, locate pitches on the keyboard, and demonstrate basic musicianship skills.

To obtain the Certificate of Achievement in Songwriting, students must complete the following courses

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
REQUIRED CORE: Fundamental Courses - Complete the following (11 units)		
MUS M02A	Music Theory I	3
MUS M02AL	Musicianship I	1
MUS M02B	Music Theory II	3
MUS M02BL	Musicianship II	1
MUS M11	Songwriting	3
Vocal Fundamentals (2 units)		
MUS M13A	Fundamentals of Vocal Technique I	2
Instrumental Fundamentals (2 units)		
MUS M25A	Class Piano-Beginning I	2
Performance Ensemble - select and complete one course (1 unit)		
MUS M10	Concert Choir	1
MUS M18	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS M21	Wind Ensemble	1

MUS M23	Moorpark Symphony Orchestra	1
Elective Courses - select and complete two courses (6 units)		
MUS M03	Introduction to Music Technology	3
MUS M05	Electronic Music	3
MUS M07	Introduction to Music Business	3
Total Required Major Units: 22		

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