

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: B.A. in Music Education

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Specifics (see instructions):

Music Education (Instrumental track)

Current: Six semesters of instrumental ensembles (12.00) (Orchestra or Wind Ensemble for 4 of the 6 semesters is required)

New: Six different semesters of instrumental ensemble participation. Credits / Units: 12

At least 4 semesters of MUSC 305 - UMBC Symphony Orchestra, MUSC 308 - UMBC Wind Ensemble, or MUSC 320 - UMBC Jazz Ensemble are required.

Music Education (Choral track)

Current: Six semesters of choral ensembles (12.00)

New: Six different semesters of vocal ensemble participation. Credits / Units: 12

At least 4 semesters of MUSC 303 - UMBC Camerata are required.

Rationale (see instructions):

The Music Department's curriculum committee would like to update the language for the ensemble requirements in all of our music degrees. All music majors are required to enroll in ensemble classes for 4-8 semesters depending on their degrees. The intention for this requirement is for music majors to grow as performing musicians through 4-8 semesters of continuing enrollment in ensemble classes. However, since the current language in the catalog does not specify that the ensemble classes have to be taken in *different* semesters, some students opt to take multiple ensemble classes in one semester and be done with the requirement in a much shorter time span than intended. There is no short cut to grow as a performing musician, therefore we want to specify to students that the ensemble classes have to be taken in different semesters.

For the BA in Music Education (instrumental track), we are adding the Jazz Ensemble as one of the three large instrumental ensemble options that students are required to take for at least four semesters.

For the BA in Music Education (choral track), we are requiring students to enroll in our primary choral ensemble, UMBC Camerata, for at least four semesters.