



Bachelor of Music in Composition (Domestic students)

Program code

1414

Available at

South Bank Campus

Duration

4 years full-time

Credit points

320

Indicative fee

\$10,000.00* per year ([more](#))

* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee

Admission requirements

Completed Bachelor of Music with 5 in
Composition Study 3[\(more\)](#)

Commencing in

Trimester 1

Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

For the award of *Bachelor of Music in Composition (BMusComp)*, you must successfully complete 320 credit points, made up of the core courses AND

- completion of the requirements of the Bachelor of Music program including a minimum of 60 credit points for Composition courses across years 1, 2 and 3;
- 15 credit points of Conservatorium Listed electives;
- 10 credit points of Conservatorium Listed electives **or** Conservatorium Ensemble Studies;
- 15 credit points of Free-choice electives.

Other program requirements

You must successfully complete:

- no more than 120 credit points of Level 1 courses (the first digit of a course code denotes the level);
- at least 60 credit points of Level 3 courses or higher.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The [Australian Qualifications Framework \(AQF\)](#) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. This qualification is accredited as an AQF Level 7 - Bachelor Degree.

Program learning outcomes

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[Program Learning Outcomes](#) communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

[Program Learning Outcomes for this award](#) describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025

Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Note: Students must check the prerequisite and incompatible requirements before selecting any course within this program.

Year 1

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1390QCM_Y1		Composition Study 1 (Part 1) (not offered from 2025)	10
			OR	
Tri 1	1420QCM		Music Making 1	10
Tri 1	1007QCM		Keyboard Skills (Classical Voice/Composition)	5
Tri 1	1811QCM		Music Theory and Aural Studies 1	10
Tri 1	1101QCM		Exploring Music (not offered from 2025)	10
			OR	
Tri 1	1106QCM		Musical Livelihoods 1	10
			OR	
Tri 1	5904LHS		Language and Communication for Arts and Social Sciences (English Language Enhancement course)	10
Tri 1	1532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1B	5
Tri 2	1390QCM_Y2		Composition Study 1 (Part 2) (not offered from 2025)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	1421QCM		Music Making 2	10
Tri 2	1812QCM		Music Theory and Aural Studies 2	10
Tri 2	1020QCM		My Life as a Musician 1 (not offered from 2025)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	1107QCM		Musical Livelihoods 2	10
Tri 2	1551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1C	5
Tri 2	1552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1D	5

Year 2

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2390QCM_Y1		Composition Study 2 (Part 1)	10
Tri 1	2813QCM		Music Theory and Aural Studies 3	10
Tri 1	1710QCM		Interactive Music (not offered from 2025) (see Note 1)	10
			OR	
Tri 1	1420QCM		Music Making 1	10
			OR	
Tri 1	2717QCM		Digital Music Composition	10
Tri 1			Music Literature elective	10
Tri 2	2390QCM_Y2		Composition Study 2 (Part 2)	10
Tri 2	2551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 2C	5
			AND	
Tri 2	2552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 2D	5
			OR	
Tri 2			Conservatorium Listed elective	10
Tri 2			Free-Choice Elective	10
Tri 2	2715QCM		Stereo Recording and Editing	10

Note 1: Students may only enrol in one more Level 1 course for the remainder of their program to ensure they remain within the degree requirements (gain no more than 100 credit points of first year courses).

Year 3

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3390QCM_Y1		Composition Study 3 (Part 1)	10
Tri 1	3022QCM		A Life in the Arts	10
Tri 1			Conservatorium Listed elective	10
			OR	
Tri 1	3531QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3A	5
			AND	
Tri 1	3532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3B	5
Tri 1	3981QCM		Introduction to Conducting	10
Tri 2	3390QCM_Y2		Composition Study 3 (Part 2)	10
Tri 2	3543QCM		Orchestration and Arranging	10
Tri 2			Music Literature elective (Level 3 courses or higher)	10
Tri 2	3551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3C	5
			AND	
Tri 2	3552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3D	5
			OR	
Tri 2			Conservatorium Listed elective	10

Year 4

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	4390QCM_Y1		Composition Study 4 (Part 1)	15
Tri 1	4023QCM		My Life as a Musician 3	10
Tri 1	4531QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4A	5
			AND	
Tri 1	4532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4B	5
			OR	
Tri 1			Conservatorium Listed elective	10
Tri 1			Conservatorium Listed elective	5
Tri 2	4390QCM_Y2		Composition Study 4 (Part 2)	15
Tri 2	4551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4C	5
			AND	
Tri 2	4552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4D	5
			OR	
Tri 2			Conservatorium Listed elective	10
Tri 2			Undergraduate free-choice elective/s	10
Tri 2			Conservatorium Listed elective	5

Electives (2 available)

Listed Conservatorium Electives

Trimester 1

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2003QCA		Health and Wellbeing for Creative Careers	10
Tri 1	2003GFS		Science Fictions: Creative Climate Futures	10
Tri 1	1531QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1A	5
Tri 1	1532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1B	5
Tri 1	1710QCM		Interactive Music (not offered from 2025)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1	1420QCM		Music Making 1	10
Tri 1	1716QCM		Digital Musicianship 1	10
Tri 1	2151QCM		Collaborative Piano Studies 1	10
Tri 1	2167QCM		Project in Collaborative Piano	5
Tri 1	2250QCM		Music Theory Project A	10
Tri 1	2251QCM		Small Music Theory Project A	5
Tri 1	2363QCM_P1		Performance Study 2 Extension (Part 1)	5
Tri 1	2531QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 2A	5
Tri 1	2532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 2B	5
Tri 1	2710QCM		Electronic Instruments	10
Tri 1	2715QCM		Stereo Recording and Editing	10
Tri 1	2717QCM		Digital Music Composition	10
Tri 1	2841QCM		Pedagogy 1	10
Tri 1	3022QCM		A Life in the Arts	10
Tri 1	3363QCM_P1		Performance Study 3 Extension (Part 1)	5
Tri 1	3531QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3A	5
Tri 1	3532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3B	5
Tri 1	3718QCM		Sound Production Projects	10
Tri 1	3731QCM		Music Industry Internship (WIL) A	10
Tri 1	3925QCM		Opera Ensemble A	5
Tri 1	3981QCM		Introduction to Conducting	10
Tri 1	4023QCM		My Life as a Musician 3 (see Note 1)	10
Tri 1	4363QCM_P1		Performance Study 4 Extension (Part 1) (see Note 1)	5
Tri 1	4531QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4A (see Note 1)	5
Tri 1	4532QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4B (see Note 1)	5
Tri 1	4925QCM		Opera Ensemble A (see Note 2)	5
Tri 1	5000QCM		Professional Recording Project 1	10
Tri 1	5962QCM		Small Opera Project A	5
Tri 1	5963QCM		Small Opera Project B	5
Tri 1	5964QCM		Small Opera Project C (see Note 2)	5
Tri 1	5986QCM		Topics in Improvisation	5
Tri 1	5990QCM		Project Study A	10
Tri 1	5991QCM		Project Study B	10
Tri 1	5995QCM		Minor Project Study	5
Tri 1	5911QCM		Global Local Music Project	10

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Note 2: This course is only available to students enrolled in [Bachelor of Music in Performance \(1413\)](#) (Classical Voice).

Trimester 2

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	2004QCA		Arts Health in Practice	10
Tri 2	2001GFS		Ecology, Sensing and the Arts	10
Tri 2	1020QCM		My Life as a Musician 1 (not offered from 2025)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 2	1107QCM		Musical Livelihoods 2	10
Tri 2	1551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1C	5
Tri 2	1552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 1D	5
Tri 2	1723QCM		Real-Time Systems (not offered from 2025)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 2	1421QCM		Music Making 2	10
Tri 2	1726QCM		Digital Musicianship 2	10
Tri 2	2167QCM		Project in Collaborative Piano	5
Tri 2	2250QCM		Music Theory Project A	10
Tri 2	2251QCM		Small Music Theory Project A	5
Tri 2	2324QCM		Music, Sound and Vision	10
Tri 2	2363QCM_P2		Performance Study 2 Extension (Part 2)	5
Tri 2	2551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 2C	5
Tri 2	2552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 2D	5
Tri 2	3363QCM_P2		Performance Study 3 Extension (Part 2)	5
Tri 2	3543QCM		Orchestration and Arranging	10
Tri 2	3551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3C	5
Tri 2	3552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 3D	5
Tri 2	3724QCM		Multichannel Sonic Environments	10
Tri 2	3732QCM		Music Industry Internship (WIL) B	10
Tri 2	3926QCM		Opera Ensemble B	5
Tri 2	3984QCM		Instrumental Conducting	10
Tri 2	3985QCM		Choral Conducting (not offered from 2023)	10
Tri 2	4363QCM_P2		Performance Study 4 Extension (Part 2) (see Note 1)	5
Tri 2	4551QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4C (see Note 1)	5
Tri 2	4552QCM		Ensemble and Collaborative Activity 4D (see Note 1)	5
Tri 2	4926QCM		Opera Ensemble B (see Note 2)	5
Tri 1,2	5001QCM		Professional Recording Project 2	10
Tri 2	5912QCM		Musician's Health	10
Tri 2	5913QCM		Optimal Performance Practice	5
Tri 2	5965QCM		Opera Project A	10
Tri 2	5966QCM		Opera Project B	10
Tri 2	5967QCM		Opera Project C (see Note 2)	10
Tri 2	5985QCM		Jazz Improvisation Techniques	10

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Trimester 3

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 3	2002GFS		Arts-Science in the Field	10

Trimester 2 (Odd year offerings)

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	2320QCM		Jazz Composition and Arranging	10

Trimester 2 (Even year offerings)

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	1051QCM		Jazz Guitar Basics	5
Tri 2	2624QCM		Transcription	10

Listed Music Literature Electives**Trimester 1**

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2065QCM	Listed Elective	Popular Music: Roots to Rap	10
Tri 2	3106QCM	Listed Elective	Music, Emotion and Meaning	10
Tri 2	3712QCM	Listed Elective	Digital Music and Culture	10

Trimester 1 (Odd Year Offerings)

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2103QCM		The Romantic Imagination	10

Trimester 1 (Even year offerings)

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2102QCM		Music, Time and Place	10
Tri 1	2105QCM		Music across Cultures	10

Trimester 2

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	1303QCM		Introduction to Musical Theatre	10
Tri 2	3105QCM		Music, Mind and Brain	10
Tri 2	3329QCM		Introduction to Music Research	10

Trimester 2 (Odd year offerings)

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	2104QCM		20th Century Modernism	10
Tri 2	3100QCM		Music and Society	10

Trimester 2 (Even year offerings)

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	2849QCM		Perspectives on New Music since 1950	10
Tri 2	3342QCM		Modern Jazz: Bebop and Beyond	10