

# Bachelor of Music

## Course code: ABMC (Commencing 1BI 2025)

### Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Music students will be required to complete 288 credit points in total consisting of:

- 240 credit points Professional Core studies including 24 credit points of Capstone studies;
- 48 credit points of Minor studies from the list below.

Bachelor of Music students will also be required to complete a minimum level of Work Integrated Learning (WIL) activity in addition to their studies:

- 30 hours or more in their choice of music/entertainment industry placement.
- Attendance and completion of four Music Industry and Employment workshops

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

### Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

### Capstone Units

This course includes capstone units, which are third-year level units that are completed at the end of your last year of study. They involve demonstrating the skills and knowledge you have acquired through your course, usually through a large research project or an internship. They have the study load of 2 units, and are worth 24 credit points upon completion.

### Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

### Campus

Footscray Nicholson (FN)

### College

College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT

### Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

### Duration

3 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

### Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

### Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>  
Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

### Timetable

[vu.edu.au/timetables](http://vu.edu.au/timetables)

### Course Chair

Stephen Rando

### Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

## Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACO1011	Practical Music 1A	Core	1B1	12	FN	
ACO1016	Academic Discourse in Music	Core	1B2	12	FN	
ACO1008	Music Techniques 1	Core	1B3	12	FN	
ACO1017	Music and Text	Core	1B4	12	FN	
ACO1012	Practical Music 1B	Core	2B1	12	FN	
ACO1018	Music Inquiry	Core	2B2	12	FN	
ACO1014	Music Theory 1	Core	2B3	12	FN	
ACO1019	Creativity and Communication in Music	Core	2B4	12	FN	

Students should be enrolling in the above sequence patterns only. Unit offerings have been created by your discipline for your specific course. If the unit quota is full, please contact [AskCUA](#) for course advice

## Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACO2005	Music Techniques 2	Core	2B1	12	FN	
ACO2009	Music Theory 2	Core	1B3	12	FN	
ACO2011	Practical Music 2A	Core	1B4	12	FN	
ACO2012	Practical Music 2B	Core	2B4	12	FN	
ACO2015	Technology of Music and Audio	Core	1B1	12	FN	
ACO3013	Musics of the World	Core	2B2	12	FN	
	Minor 1 - Unit 1	Minor		12		
	Minor 2 - Unit 1	Minor		12		

## Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

### Core

A unit that must be completed

### Minor

A subject area that is the second focus of a degree, comprising a smaller set of units than a major within a particular discipline. At Victoria University a minor is made up of 48 credit points (equivalent to 4 units).



## Minors

### Minor Selections

Minors offered in this course	
AMIMIN	<a href="#">The Musical Mind</a>
AMIDIG	<a href="#">Digital Media</a>
AMIPOP	<a href="#">Popular Music Studies</a>
AMIVSU	<a href="#">Visual Art</a>
AMIWRI	<a href="#">Writing</a>

### The Musical Mind - AMIMIN

The Musical Mind is a suite of units that focus specifically on music perception and cognition, the philosophy of music and its role in culture and society, and introductory psychology. The main purpose of this minor is to prepare students undertaking the Bachelor of Music ABMC for further studies in Music Therapy. This minor enables students to meet some of the essential entry requirements for the Master of Music Therapy Course at Melbourne University.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
APP1012	Psychology 1A	Minor		12	FP	
APP1013	Psychology 1B	Minor		12	FP	APP1012
ACO3001	Cultural Perspectives on Music	Minor		12	FN	
ACO3003	Music and the Mind	Minor		12	FN	

### Semester Dates

For accurate, up-to-date semester dates for this minor, please go to [MyVU](#).

## Minors

### Digital Media - AMIDIG

Digital media is a ubiquitous force transforming how we work, interrelate and communicate. Once a technology located within the area of work, digital media is moving into all areas of everyday life, and practitioners are required to develop new applications such as in the areas of entertainment, health and education. Concurrently, technology is now at a point where those with higher education level digital media can co-opt technology to create projects.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACM2014	Visual and Interactive Design for Digital Media	Minor		12	ORT	
ACM2009	International Design	Minor		12	ORT	
ACM2004	Digital Service Design and Analytics	Minor		12	ORT	
ACM3014	Digital User Experience	Minor		12	ORT	

### Popular Music Studies - AMIPOP

Popular Music studies is a dynamic suite of units in musicology and music cognition with great relevance for contemporary arts and culture. Students studying this minor explore the fundamental question "why is music in our lives?". Students recognise and reflect on key concepts of musicological theory including social, historical, cultural, and ethical issues, and apply local and international perspectives to practice in the discipline of music.

In addition, students gain an insight into their own psychophysical, intellectual and emotional responses to music. While this minor fosters emerging musicians, it does not require students to have any background in instrumental practice.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACO2007	Songwriting	Minor		12	FN	
ACO2014	Popular Music History	Minor		12	FN	
ACO3001	Cultural Perspectives on Music	Minor		12	FN	
ACO3003	Music and the Mind	Minor		12	FN	

### Semester Dates

For accurate, up-to-date semester dates for these minors, please go to [MyVU](#).

## Minors

### Visual Art - AMIVSU

The Visual Art minor provides students with an integrated set of units that will develop student individual art making practices and broaden student experience and understanding of fine art history and theory. Undertaking this minor will allow students to conceive, produce and critique artworks incorporating methodologies of painting and drawing.

Through theoretical content, discourse and research of significant artists, students will make rigorous critical analytical and interpretative thinking about art and develop the capacity to apply creative thinking and innovation broadly. During the minor students will engage with arts professionals and the visual arts community, visit exhibitions and write reviews.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACF1003	Life Drawing	Minor		12	FN	
ACF2002	Aesthetics and Art Criticism	Minor		12	FN	
ACF2003	Still Life Projects	Minor		12	FN	
ACF2006	Drawing and Painting	Minor		12	FN	

### Writing - AMIWRI

The Writing minor is designed for students who enjoy writing and who want to develop practical and analytical skills, combined with a sound theoretical understanding, in the area of creative and professional writing.

Classes and practical writing workshops give students a firm foundation in a range of writing genres, including fiction writing, memoir, journalism and editing. All units balance the practical development of expertise in writing, and analysis of the writing of others, within a broader social and cultural context.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACP1055	Story: Transforming the Blank Page	Minor		12	FP	
ACP2086	Impossible Worlds: Fiction and Genre	Minor		12	FP	
ACP2081	Writing from the Edge: Narrative Non-Fiction	Minor		12	FP	
ACP2082	Script and Screen	Minor		12	FP	

### Semester Dates

For accurate, up-to-date semester dates for these minors, please go to [MyVU](#).