



Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Commercial Music: Instrumental/Vocal Performer with Guitar Focus

Total number of units: 36 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1005.00

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Session 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MUSIC 200	Introduction to Music Theory	4	Students with no music theory background are advised to take MUSIC 101 prior to enrolling in MUSIC 200.	
Program Course	MUSIC 241	Music Notation and Copying I	2		
Program Course	MUSIC 281	Commercial Music Techniques I	3	Prerequisite: MUSIC 101. May take MUSIC 161 OR 165.	
Program Course	MUSIC 651	Classical Guitar I	2		
Program Course	MUSIC 501	College Choir	1	Other options include MUSIC 531, 561, 721, 745, 775, 783-1, 783-2, 783-3, or 783-4.	

Total Units 12

Session 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MUSIC 201	Harmony I	3	This course has a prerequisite of MUSIC 200 and a co-requisite of MUSIC 211.	
Program Course	MUSIC 211	Musicianship I	1	This course has a prerequisite of MUSIC 200 and a co-requisite of MUSIC 201.	
Program Course	MUSIC 280	The Business of Commercial Music	3		
Program Course	MUSIC 652	Classical Guitar II	2		
Program Course	MUSIC 501	College Choir	1	Other options include MUSIC 531, 561, 721, 745, 775, 783-1, 783-2, 783-3, or 783-4.	

Total Units 10

Session 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MUSIC 202	Harmony II	3	This course has a prerequisite of MUSIC 201, and a co-requisite of MUSIC 212.	
Program Course	MUSIC 212	Musicianship II	1	This course has a co-requisite is MUSIC 202.	
Program Course	MUSIC 653	Classical Guitar III	2		

Total Units 6

Session 4	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MUSIC 206	Commercial Harmony II	3	Prerequisite is MUSIC 205.	
Program Course	MUSIC 141	Jazz Appreciation	3	Other options include MUSIC 111, 116, 118, 121, or 122.	MUSIC 111 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .
Program Course	MUSIC 654	Classical Guitar IV	2		

Total Units 8

Degree Path and Requirements:

All MUSIC courses are taught on main Monterey Park campus. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Department Advising Notes:

[ELAC Music Department Website](#)

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Program Description

This Certificate of Achievement is designed for working in the Commercial Music Industry, as a music performer with the specialty in guitar.

The certificate is designed and managed by commercial music professionals and provides students with skill sets not typically required in traditional music curricula. Students master guitar techniques, explore guitar styles, music theory, ear-training, vocal and/or instrumental technique, sight-reading skills, and guitar ensemble skills. Students enjoy the hand-on approach offered by commercial and traditional music faculty, with labs being a primary source of direct learning and collateral experience.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Songwriter (film, TV, video games, commercials), recording engineer, mixer, music producer, audio technician, music supervisor, and music copyist.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

[Career One Stop: Musicians and Composers](#)

[Career One Stop: Musicians and Singers](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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