



Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Commercial Music: Music Arranging

Total number of units: 26 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1005.00

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Session 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MUSIC 161	Introduction to Music Technology	3		
Program Course	MUSIC 200	Introduction to Music Theory	4		
Program Course	MUSIC 321	Elementary Piano I	2		
Program Course	MUSIC 248	Music Notation: Sibelius	2		
Program Course	MUSIC 281	Commercial Music Techniques I	3	Prerequisite is MUSIC 101.	

Total Units 14

Session 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MUSIC 141	Jazz Appreciation	3	Other options include: MUSIC 111, 116, 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 280	The Business of Commercial Music	3		
Program Course	MUSIC 206	Commercial Harmony II	3	The prerequisite for this course is MUSIC 205.	
Program Course	MUSIC 271	Songwriter's Workshop I	3		

Total Units 12

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](#)
- [ELAC Music Department FaceBook 1](#)
- [ELAC Music Department FaceBook 2](#)
- [ELAC Music Department Instagram](#)

Program Description

This Certificate of Achievement is designed for working in the Commercial Music Industry, as a Music Arranger.

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 music arranging techniques, explore arranging styles, arranging for various ensembles, study music theory, ear-training, instrumental transpositions, and learn to write the best arrangement for each instrument, sight-reading skills, and 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

This program leads to careers in music, including: musicians, music composers and arrangers, instrumentalists, music directors, and commercial music. Explore music careers on Career Coach.

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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