



ABAC SCHOOL  
of MUSIC

## M.A. MUSIC

### MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN MUSIC

CRAFTING MUSICAL EXCELLENCE  
FOR A GLOBAL STAGE

AT ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY'S MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN MUSIC (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM) we believe in transforming passion into profession. This graduate program is designed for those who dream of shaping the future of music, whether through performance, composition, education, or industry leadership. With a strong foundation in both traditional and contemporary music, our curriculum combines theory, creativity, and technology to push the boundaries of what's possible in the music world.

Students will be immersed in a vibrant community of musicians and innovators, guided by a faculty that consists of seasoned professionals and acclaimed educators. Whether you're preparing to take the stage, produce the next big hit, or innovate within the music business, this program equips you with the skills to make your mark on a global scale.

#### Qualifications for Admission

1. A Bachelor's degree in any related field from an accredited institution.
2. An interview and/or audition may be required as part of the admissions process.
3. Show proficiency in English (TOEFL or IELTS scores) or take the English Admission Examination for Graduate Program conducted by the University

#### Application Requirements

1. Complete the online application form at [www.grad.au.edu/apply-online](http://www.grad.au.edu/apply-online)
2. Submit the required documents as required by the Program (to be notified)
3. Remit fees for interview and English Proficiency Test (in case of taking the English Admission Examination by the University)

#### Venue & Class Hours

Location: Suvarnabhumi Campus, Assumption University.

#### Teaching format

Classroom/Online mode (Hybrid options available).

#### Entrance Examination

- An interview and/or audition for entry into the program.
- Exemption:
- The AU English Proficiency Test may be exempted if you meet one of the following conditions:
- TOEFL score of (iBT) 90 or an IELTS (Academic) score of at least 6.5.
- A Bachelor's degree from native English-speaking countries (USA, Canada, UK, New Zealand, Australia).

#### Study System

- 1st Semester : June - October
- 2nd Semester : November - March
- Summer Semester : April - May (optional)

#### Program Duration

A candidate may graduate with the minimum period of 1 year and may extend to a maximum of 5 academic years.

#### Apply Online

[www.grad.au.edu/apply-online](http://www.grad.au.edu/apply-online)

Admissions Period

Schedule	Semester 1 June - October	Semester 2 November - March	Summer Semester April - May
Applicaition submission	All Year Round	All Year Round	All Year Round
Classes Start	June	November	April

Curriculum structure

You can choose between two study tracks, allowing you to tailor your studies to fit your career goals.

Plan A (Type A2): Coursework + Thesis

Required Courses:	18 Credits
Elective Courses:	6 Credits
Thesis:	12 Credits
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36 Credits</b>

Plan B: Coursework + Independent Study

Required Courses:	18 Credits
Elective Courses:	12 Credits
Independent Study:	6 Credits
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36 Credits</b>



Curriculum Highlights:

Required Courses (18 Credits):

MUS 5001: Music and World (3 Credits)  
Explore global music traditions, from ancient to modern.

MUS 5002: Music Aesthetics (3 Credits)  
Dive into the philosophy of beauty and expression in music.

MUS 5003: Music Research (3 Credits)  
Build the foundation for scholarly work in music.

MUS 5004: Music Style and Analysis (3 Credits)  
Analyze key works and their stylistic features.

MUS 5005: Music Seminar (3 Credits)  
Engage in critical discussions on contemporary music issues.

MUS 5006: Technology for Music in the Digital Age (3 Credits)  
Master the latest digital tools for composition and production.

Elective Courses:

Choose from a wide range of topics, including:

MUS 6001: Music Composition and Orchestration	(3 Credits)
MUS 6002: Contemporary Music Theory	(3 Credits)
MUS 6005: Music Entrepreneurship	(3 Credits)
MUS 6010: Music Education in Practice	(3 Credits)
MUS 6012: Knowledge Management in Music	(3 Credits)
MUS 6013: Music for Multimedia	(3 Credits)

Capstone Projects:

Plan A (Type A2): Coursework + Thesis

Work on an original thesis that pushes the boundaries of musical theory or practice.

MUS 7001: Thesis Project I	(6 Credits)
MUS 7002: Thesis Project II	(6 Credits)

Plan B: Coursework + Independent Project

Develop an independent project that showcases your expertise and creativity.

MUS 7003: Independent Project 1 & 2	(6 Credits)
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WHY CHOOSE AU'S MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSIC?

- 1. Industry-Relevant Skills:** From digital music production to performance to music business management, our curriculum covers everything you need to thrive in today's music industry.
- 2. Global Opportunities:** Study alongside international peers and participate in global music projects. Your future isn't limited by borders.
- 3. Creative Innovation:** You'll have the freedom to experiment, compose, and perform in a variety of styles and genres. We encourage creativity and adaptability.
- 4. Professional Network:** Connect with leading professionals in the music industry. Through our collaborations, performances, and seminars, you'll build a network that opens doors to exciting opportunities.
- 5. Ethical Leadership:** As a graduate, you'll be ready to lead with integrity and social responsibility, bringing a positive impact to the music and entertainment industries.

Estimated Fees

	THAI THB	(Non-Thai) THB	US\$
Installment 1	170,000	185,000	5,606
Installment 2	170,000	185,000	5,606
Installment 3	160,000	180,000	5,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>16,667</b>

The fee includes:

- First enrollment fee (matriculation fee, etc.)
- Tuition fee
- University fees, Campus network fee
- Comprehensive examinations fee (first attempt only)
- Health / Life Insurance (non-Thai students)
- AU English Proficiency Standard Course

The fee doesn't cover the followings:

- Admission fee (non-refundable)
- Textbooks
- Maintaining Student Status (5,100 THB per Trimester)

Note:

1. In case of failed grade in any course or comprehensive examination, the student should repeat the course or exam with the registration and university fees at the latest rate separately.
2. The fees are subject to change at the university's discretion without prior notice.
3. Currency exchange rate: THB 33 = US\$ 1





## Study Plan

### Plan A (Type A2): Coursework + Thesis

#### Pre-sessional Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
MUS 0001	Music Fundamentals	Non-Credit

#### Semester I

MUS 5001	Music and World	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5002	Music Aesthetics	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5003	Music Research	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5004	Music Style and Analysis	3 (3-0-6)
Total		12

#### Semester II

MUS 5005	Music Seminar	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5006	Technology for Music in the Digital Age	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 7001	Thesis Project I	6 (0-0-24)
Total		12

#### Semester III

MUS 60XX	2 Elective Courses	6 (6-0-12)
MUS 7002	Thesis Project II	6 (0-0-24)
Total		12

### Plan B: Coursework + Independent Study

#### Pre-sessional Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
MUS 0001	Music Fundamentals	Non-Credit

#### Semester I

MUS 5001	Music and World	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5002	Music Aesthetics	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5003	Music Research	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5004	Music Style and Analysis	3 (3-0-6)
Total		12

#### Semester II

MUS 5005	Music Seminar	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 5006	Technology for Music in the Digital Age	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 60XX	1 Elective Course	3 (3-0-6)
MUS 7003	Independent Project I	3 (0-0-12)
Total		12

#### Semester III

MUS 60XX	3 Elective Courses	9 (9-0-18)
MUS 7004	Independent Project II	3 (0-0-12)
Total		12

## WHAT WILL YOU GET?

By joining the Master of Arts in Music at Assumption University, you'll gain:

- **In-Depth Knowledge:** A comprehensive understanding of music theory, performance, and technology that prepares you for a variety of roles in the industry.
- **Hands-On Experience:** From the stage to the studio, you'll have countless opportunities to refine your craft.
- **Creative Confidence:** Develop your unique artistic voice and showcase your talents through original compositions, performances, and research projects.
- **Industry Connections:** Our program offers direct pathways to the music industry, giving you the practical experience and connections needed to launch a successful career.
- **Ethical and Global Mindset:** Graduate with the tools to not only succeed professionally but to make meaningful, responsible contributions to the world of music.

## CAREER PATHS

Our graduates go on to become:

- **Professional Musicians:** Whether you aspire to perform on the global stage or in more intimate settings, we'll prepare you for success.
- **Music Educators:** Inspire the next generation of musicians with the skills and knowledge you gain here.
- **Composers and Arrangers:** Craft original works for film, television, video games, or live performance.
- **Music Producers:** Take control of the production process in the studio and shape the sounds of tomorrow.
- **Music Entrepreneurs:** Start your own music business or lead innovative projects in the industry.
- **Arts Administrators:** Manage performances, concerts, and cultural events, making a lasting impact on the arts community.

#### IMPORTANT

The provisional information statements set forth in this catalog should not be construed as the basis of any contract between a student and this institution. As such Assumption University reserves the right to change any provision listed in this catalog, including, but not limited to academic requirements for graduation. Every effort through the Office of Graduate Studies, will be made to keep students advised of any such changes.

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