

# MUSIC THEORY - CERTIFICATE

The certificate in music theory provides students the opportunity to take more varied upper-level courses and develop independent projects under faculty mentorship. The certificate provides students with a formal acknowledgement of their work in music theory, potentially serving as a stepping-stone to graduate school, private teaching, theory teaching in primary or secondary schools or work in music-related media and technology.

## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Students need a minimum average grade of B+ or higher for freshman and sophomore music theory and aural skills classes to qualify for the certificate.

Application for the certificate takes place either sophomore or junior year. In order to apply, students must submit a statement of purpose. Applications can be sent directly to the chair of Music Theory area, currently Yonatan Malin (yonatan.malin@colorado.edu).

### Required Courses and Credits

The curriculum consists of 18 credit hours. Students will typically take between one or two required courses per semester. Students need to maintain a minimum average grade of B+ or higher.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
MUSC 2101 & MUSC 2121 & MUSC 2111 & MUSC 2131 or MUSC 3081 & MUSC 3091	Semester 3 Theory and Aural Skills Lab, Semester 3 and Semester 4 Theory and Aural Skills Lab, Semester 4 Jazz Theory and Aural Foundations 1 and Jazz Theory and Aural Foundations 2	6
MUSC 4957	Senior Thesis	3
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Choose from the following:		9
MUSC 2988	Introduction to Music Research	
MUSC 4011	16th Century Counterpoint	
MUSC 4021	18th Century Counterpoint	
MUSC 4061	Tonal Analysis	
MUSC 4071	Post-Tonal Theory and Analysis	
MUSC 4151	Topics in Music Analysis	
MUSC 5151	Topics in Music Analysis (with instructor permission, when not double-listed with MUSC 6801)	
Elective outside major within or beyond the College of Music, with advisor permission		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>