Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music)

You’ll be creating new music from your first year. This is before choosing pathways, such as creative technologies, performing and recording new music, or composing for media. The course can lead you into music industry professions such as management or promotion, and social engagement.

Our music degree prepares aspiring musicians for the rapidly changing music industry. Students are encouraged to create works across musical boundaries and strike out in new directions.

In your final year you’ll work on transdisciplinary industry-connected projects with students from other study areas in the performing arts. You can also participate in music projects which focus on artist development and music-related research.

Why choose this course?
The music industry is riding a digital wave of change. These are exciting times for anyone who wants to strike out in new directions. And QUT’s music degree helps you to prepare for these evolving opportunities. This course offers an innovative learning environment that will help you develop your individual artistic identity and acquire the creative skills to realise your vision in the contemporary music scene.

A key element of the course is a series of regular workshops that address principles of performance, writing and arranging, production and the music industry. Experienced industry practitioners conduct many of these workshops.

You will experience both live and recording studio environments, and hone your skills in a professional setting. Our Skyline Studios are state-of-the-art. You will also learn how to use technology to create music, record and distribute your works, and market your talent. You will be inspired by collaborating with like-minded people on various projects while finding new ways to develop your own artistic vision.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and creative styles via an audition.

Rhiannon Fenn
Create, record and market your work

'I enjoyed the collaborative nature of the QUT music course. I’m thankful that QUT was able to offer a course that was not strictly confined to a particular style of music and instead encouraged participation in a variety of musical genres. There was a big emphasis on working in groups and I believe that this helped me become a better musician overall. QUT taught me a lot about sound production and having the opportunity to use such amazing facilities really meant you could immerse yourself in the whole experience.'
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Real-world learning
You will experience both live and recording studio environments, whether your focus is as a performer or producer. You will learn how to use technology to create and record music, distribute your works, and market your talent.

You will be mentored by internationally renowned industry professionals in production and performance applications. Your teaching staff are high-level creative practitioners with national and international industry links with Q Music, the Australian Independent Record Labels Association, APRA/AMCOS, Arts Queensland, Creative Media Warehouse, ITC Software Development, MGM Distribution, Island Music, Sony, Music Sales and many more.

You will have the opportunity to participate in music projects that focus on artist development and music-related research, and launch your career through public performances in Brisbane’s live music venues such as The Zoo, The Foundry, Brisbane Powerhouse, The Old Museum and QPAC, as well as at Brisbane Festival.

Entry requirements
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Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure
Your course
To meet the course requirements of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music), you must complete the following:

- Two common units (KYB101 and KYB102) – 24 credit points
- Music major – 168 credit points
- Complementary studies – 48 credit points from the Situated Creative Practice Extension plus 48 credit points chosen from a minor or unit options (electives).

Year 1
- Contemporary developments in music, sound and musicianship skills.
- Develop skills in music technology and software.
- Intensive music studio experience.
- Presentation, music and sound performance.
- Identify your creative direction.

Year 2
- Develop unique crossover musical skills.
- Creative performance and/or music and sound production.
- Intensive project-based program.
- Develop your focus as an artist or creative producer.
- Be mentored by staff and industry professionals.
- Electives available across other disciplines.

Year 3
- Public performances and creative production industry showcases
- Learn to promote yourself and organise events
- Collaborate on projects with other creative artists, producers and industry organisations
- Music industry structure and current issues
- Engage in real-world learning projects
- Personalise your studies through elective units.

Study overseas
Study overseas while earning credit towards your QUT creative industries degree with one of our worldwide exchange partners.

Overseas study can be for one or two semesters (or during the semester break) and the units you take can be in a creative or non-creative discipline area, depending on how they match with your QUT course. Saving your electives for exchange will allow you the most flexibility.

Careers and outcomes
This course can lead you into music industry professions such as performing, management or promotion, and social engagement. Graduates work in an eclectic range of live, recording and multimedia environments as performers, producers, composers, developers of music software and games, DJs and private instrumental music teachers.

Many find national and international success, including Ball Park Music, Cub Sport, The Belligerents, drummers Grant Collins and Pete Skelton, and film composer Michael Edwards.

You can also pursue a career as a qualified school music teacher (with completion of a double degree with secondary education or a Master of Teaching course).

Additional fees
Additional Costs
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. Find out more about additional course requirements and costs.

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