Course Structure for Jazz and Improvisation Specialisation

The Bachelor of Music (Jazz and Improvisation) is a program that balances skills with creativity to encourage the development of the personal voice and advanced technical skills through contemporary performance practice and creation of original compositions.

Core Subjects
Core subjects are compulsory subjects designed to develop comprehensive skills in your area of specialisation.

Breadth Subjects
Breadth subjects allow you to gain knowledge and understanding across a broader range of disciplines. You will need to complete a minimum of four subjects from outside Music, including at least one from level 2 or 3.

Music Elective Subjects
Music electives offer the opportunity to broaden your contextual music knowledge, explore other forms of music-making and tailor your degree to complement your area of specialisation. Information about available electives based on your specialisation can be found in the University Handbook.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT? ENROL IN YOUR SUBJECTS (STUDY PLAN)
Once you have mapped your subjects you can add them to your Study Plan via my.unimelb for the current year only.

For information about enrolling in subjects visit: students.unimelb.edu.au/subject-enrolment

Please note: You normally have until the end of the second week of classes to change your subject selection for the semester.
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This specialisation requires the successful completion of 300 points:

- 225 points of core music subjects
- 50 points of breadth subjects including at least 12.5 points at level 2 or 3 (and no more than 37.5 points at level 1)
- 25 points of free subjects (either music or breadth) at levels 1 to 3.

No more than 125 points may be taken at level 1. It is recommended that free subjects are undertaken in the third year.

For more information:
Handbook entry for Bachelor of Music – handbook.unimelb.edu.au/courses/b-mus
Course Information – study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/undergraduate/bachelor-of-music-jazz-and-improvisation
Faculty of Fine Arts and Music – finearts-music.unimelb.edu.au

ENRICH YOUR STUDIES

Overseas study
Participate in an overseas study program and gain experience as well as credit towards your course.

Concurrent diploma
Complete an additional qualification in computing, music, mathematical sciences or languages alongside your bachelors degree.

Enhance employability skills
Check your faculty’s website for internships, work placements, research or volunteering options to put your knowledge and skills into practice.

There are other opportunities such as industry events, public lectures and professional skills workshops. You can also volunteer in your community, meet with an alumni mentor or join a student club.

Notes:

International student visa holders: please note you must be enrolled in 50 credit points in each half-year period unless you have approval to reduce your study load.