

# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CURRICULUM REVISIONS

Ouachita Baptist University

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## School of Fine Arts

Department	Change	Rationale
Applied Music	<p>Add a new course MUAP 1420.5 Piano Accompanying. Require four semesters of the course for all piano principals seeking the following degrees: Bachelor of Music in Composition, Bachelor of Music in Performance, Bachelor of Music in Worship Arts, and Bachelor of Music Education.</p> <p>MUAP 1420.5 Piano Accompanying - A half-hour course that meets once a week for one hour to provide sophomore, junior, and senior pianists basic skills and practical experience for vocal and instrumental accompanying. Skills covered include sight-reading; score-reading/re-arranging; figured bass (continuo); learning music quickly; listening and reacting to diverse musical intentions; and contributing to ensemble accuracy. Piano principals in the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degree programs are required to take the course for four semesters. Consent of the instructor is required for registration. This course will substitute for Concert Choir during the semester the course is taken. Fall, Spring.</p>	<p>Piano Accompanying would provide pianists basic collaborative skills and practical experience for vocal and instrumental accompanying. It would also support the entire program by training and preparing functional collaborative pianists through supervised accompanying assignments. Most of our graduating piano principals will be required to do some form of accompanying in their careers. Therefore, the course will give them training and experience necessary to succeed in their professions.</p>