



## Commercial Music

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# Discover Possibilities

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The Commercial Music program is about discovering what you are passionate about and creating possibilities for careers.

The program consists of courses designed to prepare you for a career in the music industry working as a sound engineer, sound designer, live engineer, music producer, product manager, and other opportunities.

As a Commercial Music student, you will learn to operate produce music on the following software platforms: Avid Pro Tools, Steinberg Cubase, and Ableton Live. You will also have access to learn and operate recording and live consoles by Avid and Yamaha.

If you wish to enhance your resume, the Commercial Music program offers a selection of industry-recognized certification to enhance your resume. These certifications can give you the additional edge when seeking employment.

## Commercial Music Course

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The Commercial Music Program at Cerritos College offers a range of courses recommended by our industry partners to prepare you for a career in the professional music industry.

MUS 110—Music Technology Fundamentals  
MUS 135—Business of Music  
MUS 143a—Songwriting  
MUS 144a—Synthesizer Techniques  
MUS 144b—Electronic Music Production  
MUS 145a—Live Sound  
MUS 146a—Recording Techniques  
MUS 146b—Mixing Techniques  
MUS 155—Music Entrepreneurship  
MUS 156—Contemporary Music Notation  
MUS 157—Audio Systems Design  
MUS 244a—Audio for Film, TV, and Games  
MUS 245a—Music for Film, TV, and Games

# Commercial Music Degrees

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The Commercial Music Program at Cerritos College offers several degree options depending on your career and academic objectives.

## AA Commercial Music (transferable to CSUs)

This degree covers a breadth of topics. General Education courses are required to complete this degree.

Course Number	Course Name	Units
MUS 110	Music Technology Fundamentals	3
MUS 112	Elementary Piano I	2
MUS 113	Elementary Piano II	2
MUS 135	This Business of Music	3
MUS 144a	Synthesizer Techniques	2
MUS 144b	Electronic Music Production	2
MUS 146a	Recording Techniques	2
MUS 146b	Mixing Techniques	2.5
MUS 156	Contemporary Music Notation	2.5
MUS 180	Music Theory/Musicianship I	4
MUS 181	Music Theory/Musicianship II	4
electives	commercial music electives	2

## Certificate of Achievement – Commercial Music Production

Designed for workforce training in entry-level positions with recording, film, and production studios.

Course Number	Course Name	Units
MUS 110	Music Technology Fundamentals	3
MUS 112	Elementary Piano I	2
MUS 113	Elementary Piano II	2
MUS 135	This Business of Music	3
MUS 144a	Synthesizer Techniques	2
MUS 144b	Electronic Music Production	2
MUS 146a	Recording Techniques	2
MUS 146b	Mixing Techniques	2.5
MUS 155	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUS 156	Contemporary Music Notation	2.5
MUS 171	Occupational Work Experience	1
MUS 180	Music Theory/Musicianship I	4
MUS 181	Music Theory/Musicianship II	4
MUS 244a	Audio for Film, Television, and Games	2.5
MUS 245a	Music for Film, Television, and Games	2.5

## Certificate of Achievement – Audio Systems Solutions

Specific courses to prepare you for entry-level positions as an audio-technician, broadcast technician, and audio network technician.

Course Number	Course Name	Units
MUS 110	Music Technology Fundamentals	3
MUS 135	This Business of Music	3
MUS 145a	Live Sound Techniques	2.5
MUS 146a	Recording Techniques	2
MUS 146b	Mixing Techniques	2.5
MUS 157	Audio Systems Design	2.5

## Industry Certifications

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The Commercial Music program allows you earn industry-recognized certification at no extra cost.

Pro Tools User Certification

Pro Tools Operator Music Certification

Avid Certified Support Representative Certification

Dante Level 1 Certification

Dante Level 2 Certification

## Online Education

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The Commercial Music program allows you to complete the AA in Commercial Music and the Commercial Music Certificate entirely online. All content is delivered in a professional format to ensure you are receiving the highest quality education.

Our educational partners will work with the program that you have access to the latest recording and music production software such as Pro Tools, Cubase Pro, Ableton Live, and Dorico.

This online program gives you the flexibility to continue working on the outside projects of your career while earning a professional education.

To learn more about the program, please contact the Lead for Commercial Music, Dr. Andrew Maz at [amaz@cerritos.edu](mailto:amaz@cerritos.edu).