FAM 115 Fundamentals of Music 3 Credits
Basic elements of music, its terms, and its notation including pitch, rhythm, chords, dynamics, tempo, and other aspects. Students will gain familiarity with the piano keyboard.
Prerequisite: none.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: fall, spring & summer.
FAM 119 Masterpieces of Music 3 Credits
A survey of Western art music from medieval Gregorian chant to the present, including the study of musical elements, historical background, musical style, and masterworks of various periods.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 122 History of Rock and Roll 3 Credits
A survey of the history of rock and roll and its impact on American and world culture. The musical and cultural roots of rock and roll and the evolution of the style over several decades will be examined.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: Occasionally.
FAM 123 World Musics 3 Credits
Survey course, including folk, traditional, and art music of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and North and South America. Classes include listening and videos with the study of instruments, dances, songs, and rhythms of these cultures.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: Occasionally.
FAM 124 America’s Music 3 Credits
Music made or continuously used by Americans up to the present: sacred congregational music, vernacular music, African-American music, and cultivated traditions. Historical and sociological development of folk, jazz, and popular music as uniquely American.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: spring & summer.
FAM 126 Music Performance 1 Credit
Half-hour private lessons designed for all levels of experience are offered in piano, organ, harp, guitar, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass, strings, percussion, and conducting. For music majors, music minors, education majors with a music concentration, and music scholarship winners (no fee).
Prerequisite: permission of department chair; limited to music majors, music minors, music scholarship students, & music education students with a concentration in music.
FAM 171 Chorale 0 Credits
A mixed-voice singing group that performs repertoire in both the classical and popular styles (Same as FAM 171 except for 0 credit).
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 172 Jazz Ensemble 0 Credits
Jazz ensemble that plays a wide range of music from Count Basie to Maynard Ferguson and everything in between (Same as FAM 182 except for 0 credit).
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 174 Chamber Orchestra 0 Credits
Chamber orchestra that performs a wide range of orchestral literature from the Baroque period through the 20th century. Concert programs provide students with wide experiences in the orchestral arts (Same as FAM 184 except for 0 credit).
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 181 Chorale 1 Credit
A mixed-voice singing group that performs repertoire in both the classical and popular styles (Same as FAM 171 except for 1 credit).
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 182 Jazz Ensemble 1 Credit
Jazz ensemble that plays a wide range of music from Count Basie to Maynard Ferguson and everything in between (Same as FAM 172 except for 1 credit).
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 184 Chamber Orchestra 1 Credit
Chamber orchestra that performs a wide range of orchestral literature from the Baroque period through the 20th century. Concert programs provide students with wide experiences in the orchestral arts. (Same as FAM 174 except for 1 credit).
Offered: fall & spring.
FAM 212 Canisius and the BPO Experience 3 Credits
Classes meet at both Canisius College and Kleinhans Music Hall as students study music on stage, behind the scenes, and in the orchestral repertory with Canisius College faculty, BPO conductors, soloists, and managers.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 213 Women in Music 3 Credits
Roles of women composers and performers in art music from the time of ancient Greece through the present as they struggle to break the confines of traditional gender roles to gain equal representation and recognition.
Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 216 Medieval and Renaissance Music 3 Credits
Traces Western art music from its origins in Gregorian chant through the development and refinement of more complex compositions such as the mass setting and motet.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 217 Music of the Baroque Period 3 Credits
A study of Western art music of the Baroque period (1600-1750) beginning with the early operatic works of Monteverdi and concluding with the mature masterpieces of Bach and Handel. Many different instrumental and vocal genres are covered in this course, including concerto, sonata, suite, opera, cantata, and oratorio.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 218 Music of the Classical Period 3 Credits
A study of European art music c.1750-1809 and the historical and cultural forces that helped to shape it. Focus on the lives and works of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, their contemporaries, and immediate predecessors.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 219 19th Century Music 3 Credits
Great composers of the Romantic period, including their lives, selected works, musical style, and influence.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 220 Art Music from 1900 to the Present 3 Credits
Covers impressionism in music, which ushers in the twentieth century, European music 1910-1945, American music, and new music since 1945.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: occasionally.
FAM 223 The World of Music Theater  
3 Credits
The course covers basic elements of the history of musical theater: its beginnings, how it has evolved, comparison of past and current trends, performers – past and present, styles of music used, lyrics. It also explores how music theater mirrors, imitates, comments, or predicts current world affairs.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: occasionally.

FAM 224 Afro-Centric Music  
3 Credits
Music of West Africa and how, due to the African Diaspora, this music has come to influence both art and pop music on a worldwide basis.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.

FAM 226 Music Performance  
2 Credits
Half-hour private lessons designed for all levels of experience are offered in piano, organ, harp, guitar, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass, strings, percussion, and conducting. For music majors, music minors, education majors with a music concentration, and music scholarship winners (no fee).

FAM 230 Music Theory I  
3 Credits
A study of diatonic harmonic progressions typical in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries. The course includes the analysis of melodic, harmonic, rhythmic, and formal aspects of music by composers such as Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert. Lab required.J2171.
Prerequisite: FAM 115 or permission of instructor.
Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: fall.

FAM 240 Music Theory II  
3 Credits
A study of four-part composing as developed in Europe, particularly tonal music associated with Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven. Lab required.
Prerequisite: FAM 230 or permission of instructor. Corequisite: .
Offered: spring.

FAM 250 Music for Children  
3 Credits
Course provides the backgrounds, models, and skills necessary to create musical experiences for the pre-school and elementary-age child.
Offered: occasionally.

FAM 340L Music Theory IV Lab  
1 Credit
Advanced lab instruction in sight-singing and ear-training.
Prerequisite: FAM 330L Corequisite: FAM 340.
Offered: spring.

FAM 390 Sounding Society  
3 Credits
Explores how music represents, instills, and challenges the values of ethics, justice, diversity, and global awareness in different societies as represented in art music as well as in popular and indigenous music.
Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone
Offered: spring.

FAM 498 Internship  
3 Credits
An internship with a business or organization related to the student’s primary interest gives hands-on experience in the field. A variety of settings are possible: music or arts management, recording studio, radio station, and music retail. Internships require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: FAM 360 & FAM 361 or permission of department chair.
Offered: occasionally.

FAM 499 Independent Study in Music  
1-3 Credits
Independent studies allow in-depth study of a specific topic and are most often reserved for seniors who cannot otherwise fulfill a graduation requirement. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.
Offered: occasionally.