# MUSIC COMPOSITION STUDIES CERTIFICATE

### **Program Overview**

The certificate is intended for undergraduate students in other degree programs, both inside and outside of WCC, who have an interest in composing music, or intend to compose music as part of their future careers as performers, church musicians, elementary educators, etc.

## **Degree Offered**

· Music Composition Studies Certificate

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# **Certificate in Music Composition Studies Requirements**

(9 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required course:		
TH 237	Composition Class	3
Select two of the following:		6
TH 253	Orchestration	
TH 255	Song Writing	
TH 259	Electroacoustic Music	
TH 424	Choral and Instrumental Arranging	
Total Credits		9

Elective composition lessons are optional and are available for an additional fee.

#### **TH 237 Composition Class 3 Credits**

Class instruction in original composition. May be taken as a level I elective

**Prerequisite**(s): For non Theory/Composition majors only, minimum "C-" grade in TH 142.

#### **TH 253 Orchestration 3 Credits**

A study of the orchestra and its individual instruments from the standpoints of the composer, arranger and conductor. May be taken as a level I theory elective.

Prerequisite(s): minimum "C-" grade in TH 142.

#### **TH 255 Song Writing 3 Credits**

Solo vocal composition in various styles. May be taken as a level I theory elective.

Prerequisite(s): minimum "C-" grade in TH 142.

#### **TH 259 Electroacoustic Music 3 Credits**

An introduction to the history and literature of electroacoustic music emphasizing hands-on creative opportunities in sequencing and digital sound processing. May be taken as a level I theory elective.

Prerequisite(s): minimum "C-" grade in TH 142.

#### TH 424 Choral and Instrumental Arranging 3 Credits

Arranging for various ensembles of voices and instruments. May be taken as a level II theory elective.

Prerequisite(s): TH 241 with a minimum grade of D.