

# COMMERCIAL MUSIC SONGWRITER

## LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE Curriculum Guide for Academic Year 2010-2011 Associate in Arts and/or Certificate of Achievement

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### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students prepare to compete in the world of commercial music production specifically for areas of songwriting, composition, and work in the high-tech studio environment.

This Certificate of Achievement will prepare students for an entry level position in a variety of music performance, composition and recording opportunities, i.e., Staff Songwriter, Jingle Writer, movie music, vocal arranger, producer, STAR!

This Associate Degree will prepare students for career advancement once a certificate has been earned. Appropriate course selection will also facilitate transfer to a four-year college or university music composition/technology program.

### DEPARTMENTAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

None. For more departmental information call (562) 938-4309 or visit the department website at <http://lbcc.edu>

			UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
<b>REQUIRED CORE COURSES</b>					
	MUSIC 71AD	Introduction to Music Technology	2		
	MUSIC 75A – B	The Music Business	1:1		
†	MUSIC 86AD	Record Production (Fundamentals)	2		
†	MUSIC 93AD	MIDI Music Production II	2		
	MUSIC 94	Beginning Recording Techniques	2		
	MUSIC 98AD	MIDI Music Production I	2		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>			<b>12</b>		
<b>REQUIRED COURSES FOR SPECIALITY</b>					
	MUSIC 59AD	Digital Recording & Sampling Tech	2		
	MUSIC 60AD	ProTools (Digital Audio Recording/Edit)	2		
	MUSIC 72AD	Commercial Improvisation/Arranging/Scoring	2		
	MUSIC 81AD	Commercial Keyboard	2:2		
	MUSIC 84AD	Commercial Songwriting	2:2:2		
	MUSIC 90AD	Commercial Music Theory	2:2		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>			<b>20</b>		
<b>ELECTIVES - Select SIX (6) units from the following:</b>					
	MUSIC 50AD	Performance Showcase/Ensemble Workshop	1:1		
Φ	MUSIC 60AD	ProTools (Digital Audio Recording/Edit)	2:2:2		
	MUSIC 63AD	Guitar/Bass (Intermediate)	1:1		
	MUSIC 74AD	Commercial Solo Voice	2:2:2:2		
	MUSIC 80AD	"City" Jazz Big Band	1:1		
Φ	MUSIC 81AD	Commercial Keyboard	2		
	MUSIC 83AD	Film/Video Music Scoring	1:1		
†	MUSIC 88AD	Small Studio Lab	1:1:1:1		
†Φ	MUSIC 93AD	MIDI Music Production II	2:2		
†	MUSIC 95	Intermediate Recording Techniques	2		
†	MUSIC 96AD	Advanced Recording Techniques	2:2		
Φ	MUSIC 98AD	Synthesizer/Drum Machine/Sequencer Prog.	2		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>			<b>6</b>		
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>			<b>38</b>		

**LEGEND**

† This course has a prerequisite; prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a "C" or "P" grade (see catalog or schedule of classes).

Φ May not be used as an elective if counted under required units.

Students with limited musical background may begin their theory sequence with MUSIC 6 or MUSIC 31. MUSIC 90A is then taken in the second semester.

Students specializing in Songwriting with a weakness in English should consider enrolling in an English class.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**For CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:**

This certificate is a one to two year program in occupational/technical areas at Long Beach City College which provides training in job skills and employment opportunities. Complete the required units listed above with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. Fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration must be completed in residence (credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included).

**For ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE:**

The Associate Degree is a two-year college degree awarded by Long Beach City College that includes general education courses and a major. In addition to the requirements for the Certificate of Achievement, complete the A. A. degree requirements specified in the Catalog. The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration need to be from the same catalog year. This catalog year may be any year between the year of initial enrollment to the present, provided continuous enrollment is maintained throughout (see the catalog for definition of "continuous enrollment"). Fifty per cent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration must be completed in residence (credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included).

**NOTE:** To receive a certificate or degree you must submit completed application forms in the Admissions and Records Office during your final semester of course work.

In general, "double-counting" is not allowed. That is, one course may not be used to fulfill both a field of concentration requirement and to fulfill a general education requirement.

**SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES**

This is not an educational plan, as course offerings, student schedules, and circumstances vary. Students must meet all the prerequisites in order to be eligible for the sequence of courses.

A suggested full-time sample sequence of courses for the Certificate of Achievement includes:

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
MUSIC 71AD	2	MUSIC 75B	1
MUSIC 75A	1	MUSIC 81AD	2
MUSIC 81AD	2	MUSIC 84AD	2
MUSIC 84AD	2	MUSIC 90AD	2
MUSIC 90AD	<u>2</u>	MUSIC 98AD	<u>2</u>
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>9 Units</b>	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>9 Units</b>
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
MUSIC 72AD	2	MUSIC 60AD	2
MUSIC 84AD	2	MUSIC 94AD	2
MUSIC 86AD	2	MUSIC 93AD	<u>2</u>
MUSIC 59AD	<u>2</u>	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>6 Units</b>
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>8 Units</b>		
<b>Total Units from required courses -</b>		<b>32</b>	
<b><sup>o</sup> plus electives</b>		<b>6</b>	
<b>TOTAL UNITS -</b>		<b>38</b>	

**LEGEND**

<sup>o</sup> Electives can be added in any semester. Class instructors can further advise on an appropriate electives sequence.

**Students interested in transferring to a university to continue their study in this field of concentration or other majors are strongly advised to consult an LBCC academic counselor and refer to the ASSIST website ([www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)) for major preparation information. Counselors can clarify the different major and admissions requirements at a university. Students may visit the Student Success/Transfer Services Center to access further educational resources. If you need to set up an appointment to see a counselor or schedule the SOAR Test, call LAC (562) 938-4561 or PCC (562) 938-3920.**