

Digital Audio

Overview

For years, the Digital Media Department offered a Bachelor of Science Degree with various tracks. One of those tracks was an emphasis in Audio Production. Beginning in the Fall of 2015, each former track became its own major.

The major in *Digital Audio* has been constructed to prepare students for the demands of industry. It has been planned and assembled with the assistance of multiple industry partners, and will provide a deeper and more rigorous learning experience for those accepted into the program than what was in place during the emphasis years.

Program Emphasis

The UVU Digital Audio Degree is a powerful gateway into the fascinating world of album recording and mixing, location and post-production sound for film and video, audio restoration and forensics, live sound, radio production, video game sound design and implementation and audio hardware and software design. Students will use industry-leading equipment including Solid State Logic, Audient, Neve/Euphonix, AVID ProTools, Audiokinetic Wwise, Universal Audio, Waves, Tube Tech, AKG, and many others. By graduation, each student will have produced and engineered numerous music, ADR, Foley, and sound effects sessions, including professional-level mixes, and will have their choice of many other areas of audio expertise, and will be professional employment-ready.

What Is *Not* Emphasized

Though this program covers music production, it does not cover music composition, music theory, performance, etc. If your interests are geared toward those subjects, the School of the Arts has a Bachelor of Music in Commercial Music for you to pursue.

Acceptance into the Program

UVU continues to be an open enrollment institution with inclusivity as one of its core pillars. The university provides *Structured Enrollment* for students that enter the school in need of academic remediation. All admitted UVU students are eligible to take the first and second-year Digital Audio courses. Acceptance into the formal program, beyond the second year, is predicated on student performance in the first

two years of courses. Students are admitted based on grades and an evaluation of a portfolio of their work, completed in the first two years.

Portfolio

While completing their final second-year courses, students will submit their work through an online portfolio (more information and instructions will be provided as the student moves through the program). A minimum grade of a B- in each course is required before a student can be considered for acceptance into the program. Students have the opportunity to submit their portfolio three times each year, depending on their course sequence and timing: early April, early August, and early December. Decisions will be communicated using the student's myUVU email address.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't get in the program after completing the first and second-year courses. What options are there for me?

Students who are not selected for the program may repeat the first and second-year class or classes covering the deficiencies in their own portfolio, or they may choose to fill the deficiency on their own through independent study. In either case, repeating a course, or working independently, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure their portfolio is re-submitted for committee evaluation.

It is also a good idea to come up with a "Plan B" with your advisor.

Is there a limit on the number of times I can apply?

Yes, students are limited to two submissions for committee evaluation.

Is there a minor that works well with this major?

Some options students have minored in are Business, Cinema & Media Studies, Computer Science, Communication, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Music, or Physics.

If I transfer to UVU and already have my Associate Degree, can I get into the program and finish in two years?

A transfer student must meet the same criteria as a student that has done all of their academic work at UVU. The first and second-year courses must be completed and the student portfolio must be reviewed.

It is highly unlikely that a transfer student could come to UVU with an Associate Degree, be accepted into the Audio program, and complete the degree in two years. It is more typical for a transfer student to have about three years of academics remaining to complete a Bachelor's Degree.

I work a regular forty-hour a week job, is there a night program available?

Unfortunately, there is no program in place that can be completed only at night. Classes are scheduled with every attempt to consider student's busy schedules, and are held Monday through Friday, mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

How can I get more involved in industry?

Two Facebook groups provide a great hub of student and industry info and opportunities. UVU Audio Club and Audio Jobs are open to all. Request to join them!

I want to purchase a laptop for school, which one should I get? And what software should I purchase?

We would advise you get the best machine you can afford. Computing power, the graphics card, RAM are all important. Specific software tools will be discussed in various classes. Either Mac or PC machines will work and accomplish what you need – the majority of the faculty use Macs, but not all. It's purely a personal choice.