

For Students

What is the Bachelor of Music in Combination with an Outside Field (BMO) degree?

- A BMO degree is a Bachelor of Music (BM) degree with the full core of music requirements and expectations, as with any other BM degree.
- A BMO includes an Outside Field consisting of a set of 23 credits approved by your outside field advisor and the associate dean of music.

How do I declare my outside field?

- Contact your outside field advisor to discuss your plans before submitting the online form.
- Enter your Outside Field courses into the BMO Outside Field Approval form, and submit it for approval: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/Registrar2/BMOOutsideFieldApproval>. You must submit this form and have it approved by the end of your Sophomore year.
- If you also want to declare a minor, there is a separate form to complete through the Registrar's webpage; declaring a minor is not the same thing as declaring an outside field.

How do I choose the courses for my outside field?

- Consult with your outside field advisor to choose a collection of courses that best suits your goals for your outside field studies.
- Enter your Outside Field courses into the Degree Works planner to be sure you can fit your courses and satisfy any prerequisites. As a part of this planning process, check course offerings in the catalog for normal frequency and semester of course offerings.
- You can build an outside field by beginning with the courses in a minor and adding to it, or by putting together a set of courses not related to a minor at all. Courses counting toward the Outside Field cannot also fulfill ICC theme & perspective, Complementary Liberal Arts (CLA), or Academic Writing requirements. However, courses in the outside field may satisfy Diversity (DV), Writing Intensive (WI), and/or Quantitative Literacy (QL) attributes.

Does my outside field have to be related to music? Does it have to be unrelated to music?

- Your outside field can complement your music studies, or it can be an entirely separate field.

How do I find an outside field advisor?

- Your outside field advisor can be any faculty member at Ithaca College outside of the School of Music. You might approach an instructor of a course you took in your potential outside field, or contact the chair of a department in which you are interested.

What happens if I make my outside field plan and then some of those classes aren't offered or don't fit in my schedule later on?

- You can come up with an alternate plan (working with your outside field advisor) and submit a new BMO Outside Field Approval form (see link above) at any time.