# Comparison of Curriculum on Bachelor's Degree Majoring in Western Music

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#### **Abstract**

This article is a comparison of curriculum on bachelor's degree majoring in Western music of the current conducts in Thailand. The sample is a curriculum on bachelor's degree majoring in Western music at College of Music, Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University. It is an institution with a long history and improvement at all times and the first educational institution that conducts the study of music in Music Teacher Course. Nowadays, they have 2 bachelor degrees majoring in Western music; Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education and Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music.

The study found that both of curriculum were too different but still have some similar. First, the objective is different. The objective of Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education focus on graduates will have the characteristics of being a professional music teacher with moral ethics. Nevertheless, the objective of Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music focus on graduates will be being a professional musician with international standards. Second, the subject of Western Music fundamental is similar because both of curriculum is majoring in Western music so the students should have basic knowledge of Western music in the same. Third, practicum training is different. Students majoring in Western Music Education have 4 practicum training but students majoring in Western Music have 1 practicum training. Fourth, the career can be made after graduates are different. Most of the graduates from Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education be music teachers. But, most of the graduates from Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music be the music performer. Last, standardized learning outcomes are different. Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education has 7 parts. It emphasizing to students be a good teacher. They can manage their students and can knowledge transfer appropriately. But, Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music has 6 parts. It emphasizing to students be a good musician. They have good knowledge of music. Indeed, both of bachelor's degree majoring in Western music at College of Music, Bansomdeichaopraya Rajabhat University are good programs. The students can choose to study by their interest.

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Nowadays, in Thailand, there a wide range of study in music, kindergarten education levels, primary education levels, secondary education levels, higher education levels, and graduate education levels. The management of the curriculum and the aims of each institution are different in the context of the organization. The education in music majors in higher education is diverse; majoring in Thai Traditional Music, majoring in Western Music, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, and so on. In each course the purpose of producing graduates is different, but in contrast, there are still points that still resemble, the same as the subject of music fundamental; Western Music Theory, Ear Training, History of Western Music, music skills, etcetera. This article is a comparison of curriculum on bachelor's degree in Western music of the current conducts in Thailand. The sample is a curriculum on bachelor's degree majoring in Western music at College of Music, Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University. It is an institution with a long history and improvement at all times and the first educational institution that conducts the study of music in Music Teacher Course. Current, they have 2 bachelor degrees majoring in Western music; Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education [1] and Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music [2]. The study found that both of curriculum were too different but still have some similar.

First of all, the objective in both of bachelor's degree majoring in Western music is different. The objective of Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education focus on graduates will have the characteristics of being a professional music teacher with moral ethics. The teacher's professional ethics in the workplace, as well as the needs of the local. It has 6 points of the objective. First, to produce graduates who have moral, ethical, and professional ethics for the Western music teacher. Second, to produce with knowledge, understanding, and skills in Western music practice. Third, to

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produce graduates with research skills, seek knowledge, and can be processed knowledge in Western music to use in expressing knowledge and opinions, or to use in the work and the integration in learning management. Fourth, to produce responsible graduates and can work with others. Fifth, to produce graduates who have the ability to communicate and using technology effectively. Sixth, to produce graduates capable of transferring and learning management in Western music. Nevertheless, the objective of Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music focus on graduates will be being a professional musician with morality and ethics. Graduates have knowledge of Western music in accordance with international standards. It has 6 points of the objective. First, to produce graduates who have moral, ethical, professional, and social responsibility. Second, to produce graduates who have knowledge of Western music in accordance with international standards and can create a musical performance. Third, to produce graduates with the ability to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate aesthetically. Fourth, to produce graduates capable of working with others and have skills in music management. Fifth, to produce graduates who can use Thai and foreign languages to communicate and use technical information is appropriate. Sixth, to produce graduates who can express and develop their musical skills according to their aptitude and unique ability. The objective of Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education is focused on students can be a professional teacher after they graduate, but the objective of Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music is focused on students can be a professional musician after they graduate. So, the objective in both of curriculum on bachelor's degree majoring in Western music is different.

Second, the subject of Western music fundamental is similar. Both of bachelor's degree majoring in Western music is the same subject of Western music fundamental. Students in both of bachelor's degree majoring in Western music have the same study of Western music fundamental. The subject of Western music fundamental consists; Basic of Music Education, Fundamentals of KONG WONG YAI Practicum, Fundamentals of Thai Music Theory and History, English Through Songs, Fundamentals of Computer Music, English for Musicians, Philosophy and Aesthetic of Music, Western Music Theory, Ear Training, History of Western Music, Chorus, Music Skills, Keyboard (all students except piano students), Piano Accompaniment (for piano students), and Ensemble. So, the subject in both of curriculum on bachelor's degree majoring in Western music is similar.

Third, faculty education subject and practicum training are different. Students in Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education have total credits not less than 168 credits because it has faculty education subject to Education. The students have 4 practicum training, Practicum 1 and Practicum 2 in 4th year, they have practicum on first of three weeks in both of semesters in the 4th year, so they also have another subject in that year. Internship 1 and Internship 2 in 5th year, they have an internship for one year at secondary education school. So, they have a duration of study 5 years. But, students in Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music have total credits not less than 127 credits because it not has faculty education subject. The students have 1 practicum training, Internship in Western Music Profession. It's in the 2nd semester of 4th year at the company. So, they have a duration of study 4 years. From the above message we can see that faculty education subject and practicum training both of curriculum on bachelor's degree majoring in Western music are different.

Fourth, the career can be made after graduates are different. Most of the graduates from Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education be the music teacher in primary and secondary school, both of the government and private school. In addition, they can be music lecturer in higher education, music teacher in private music school, and music school owner. But, most of the graduates from Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music is graduates be the music performer. In addition, they can be composer, conductor, sound engineer, music critics, music academy executive, music business operator, and arranger. From the above message, we can see that most of the graduates from Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education be a teacher, but most of the graduates from Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music be a musician. So, it's different career can be made after graduates.

Fifth, standardized learning outcomes are different. Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education has 7 major points. It is Moral and ethics, Knowledge, Intellectual skills, Skills of interpersonal relationship and responsibilities, Skills in numerical analysis, communication and use of information technology, Learning management skills, and Music skills. It has sub-point in each major point. All sub-point is emphasizing to students be a good teacher with moral, ethics, and punctuality.

They can management of their students and can knowledge transfer appropriately. But, Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music has 6 major points. It is Moral and ethics, Knowledge, Intellectual skills, Skills of interpersonal relationship and responsibilities, Skills in numerical analysis, communication and use of information technology, and Music skills. It has sub-point in each major point. All sub-point are emphasizing to students be good music performance with moral, ethics, and punctuality. They have good knowledge of music, singing, and performing. From the above message, we can see that standardized learning outcomes of Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education focus on graduates can be a good teacher, but standardized learning outcomes of Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music focus on graduates can be good music performance. So, standardized learning outcomes of both programs in Western music are different.

#### **Conclusions**

In conclusion, bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education and Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music is different yet alike. They are different in Objective, Faculty Education Subjects, Practicum Training, Career can be made after graduation and Standardized learning outcomes. They are similar in Subject of Western Music Fundamental. Both of bachelor's degree majoring in Western music at College of Music, Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University are good programs. The students can choose to study by their interest. If students want to be music teacher they should study in Bachelor of Education Program in Western Music Education, but if students want to be musician they should study in Bachelor of Music Program in Western Music.

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