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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#) will open a comment period relative to **the Articles of Amendment filed by Berklee College of Music to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Black Music and Culture.**

Berklee College of Music is an approved independent institution in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the authority to grant the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Electronic Music Production and Sound Design, Bachelor of Arts in Guitar Performance, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Music Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Music Business, Bachelor of Arts in Music Composition, Bachelor of Arts in Music Composition for Film, TV, and Games, Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry Leadership and Innovation, Bachelor of Arts in Music Production, Bachelor of Arts in Songwriting, Bachelor of Arts in Songwriting and Producing Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Electronic Music Production and Sound Design, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Guitar, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Interdisciplinary Music Studies, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Music Business, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Music Composition for Film, TV, and Games, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Music Production, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Songwriting, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Songwriting and Producing Music, Master of Arts in Global Entertainment and Music Business, Master of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies, Master of Arts in Music Business, Master of Arts in Music Therapy, Master of Arts in Songwriting, Master of Fine Arts in Dance, Master of Fine Arts in Musical Theater, Master of Music, Doctor of Arts, Honoris Causa, and the Honorary Doctor of Music. Berklee College of Music is now seeking the authority to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Black Music and Culture.

The public comment period for the Articles of Amendment filed by Berklee College of Music to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Black Music and Culture begins on May 14, 2025, and will close three weeks thereafter, on June 4, 2025.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on June 4, 2025 by directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

Postal Mail:

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Attn: Kristen Stone, Ed.D., Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Berklee BA Black Music and Culture" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for the submission of public comments or information regarding the submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Kristen Stone.