

Music Education Major (B.Mus.)

Degree Type: B.Mus.

Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in residence at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning		3
Category S: Science and Technology		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Category W: Wellness		2
Category I: Intercultural Knowledge and Competence		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

Major Requirements

A grade of 'C' or better is required in all MUSC and EDUC prefix courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Music Education Core Requirements		
MUSC 103	Introduction to Music History	3
MUSC 130	Theory and Analysis I	3
MUSC 131	Theory and Analysis II	3
MUSC 132	Ear Training & Sight Singing I	1
MUSC 133	Ear Training & Sight Singing II	1
MUSC 189	Skills for Academic Success ¹	1
MUSC 230	Theory and Analysis III	3
MUSC 231	Theory and Analysis IV	3
MUSC 232	Ear Training & Sight Singing III	1
MUSC 233	Ear Training & Sight Singing IV	1
MUSC 340	Music History I	3
MUSC 341	Music History II	3
MUSC 385	Music Entrepreneurship	3
Music Education Requirements		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3

HDFS 230 or PSYC 250	Life Span Development Developmental Psychology	3
MUSC 349	Vocal Methods & Pedagogy I	2
MUSC 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2
MUSC 352	Choral Conducting & Literature	2
MUSC 353	Woodwind Methods I	2
MUSC 355	Brass Methods	2
MUSC 359	Percussion Methods	2
MUSC 380 or MUSC 480	Recital Recital	1
Piano		
MUSC 160	Piano Class I	1
MUSC 161	Piano Class II	1
MUSC 260	Piano Class III	1
MUSC 261	Piano Class IV	1
Professional Education Requirements		
EDUC 321	Introduction to Teaching	3
EDUC 322	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 451	Instructional Planning, Methods and Assessment	3
EDUC 485	Student Teaching Seminar	1
EDUC 486	Classroom Management for Diverse Learners	3
EDUC 487	Student Teaching	9
EDUC 488	Applied Student Teaching	3
EDUC 489	Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds	3
MUSC 481	Instrumental Music Methods	2
MUSC 482	Choral Music Methods	2
MUSC 483	Elementary Music Methods	2
Instrumental or Vocal Music Education Track		
Select either the instrumental or vocal track to complete the major.		20 or 24
Total Credits		106-110

Instrumental Music Education Track

Code	Title	Credits
Instrumental Education Support		
MUSC 331	Instrumental Arranging	2
MUSC 354	Woodwind Methods II	2
MUSC 357	Marching Band Methods and Techniques	1
MUSC 358	Jazz Methods	1
Major Ensembles		
Must be taken in 7 different semesters. Must enroll in 2 semesters of MUSC 111 and 5 semesters of 112 or 303.		
MUSC 111	Marching Band	2
Select 5 credits from the following:		5
MUSC 112	University Band	
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
All students enrolled in applied instruction must participate in a major ensemble specific to their area.		
Minor Ensemble		
Must enroll in 2 different semesters as approved by adviser. May be selected from the following ensembles:		2
MUSC 311	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC 314	Brass Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 315	Woodwind Chamber Ensemble	

MUSC 316	String Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 318	Mixed Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 322	Jazz Combo	
Major Choral Ensemble		
Must enroll for 2 different semesters as approved by adviser.		2
MUSC 116	Cantemus	
MUSC 117	Statesmen of NDSU	
MUSC 215	University Chamber Singers	
Applied Major Instrument		
Two semesters each of 100 level, 200 level, and 300 level. One semester of 400 level. Select from the following:		7
MUSC 168	Applied Wind Instruments	
MUSC 169	Applied Percussion Instruments	
MUSC 170	Applied Upper Strings	
MUSC 171	Applied Lower Strings	
MUSC 172	Applied Guitar	
Total Credits		24
Vocal Music Education Track		
Code	Title	Credits
Vocal Education Support		
MUSC 174	Pronunciation for Singers I	1
MUSC 175	Pronunciation for Singers II	1
Major Choral Ensemble		
Must be taken in 7 different semesters. Select from the following in consultation with adviser:		7
MUSC 116	Cantemus	
MUSC 117	Statesmen of NDSU	
MUSC 306	Concert Choir	
All students enrolled in applied instruction must participate in a major ensemble specific to their area.		
Minor Choral/Vocal Ensemble		
Must be taken in 2 different semesters. Select two credits from the following in consultation with adviser:		2
MUSC 215	University Chamber Singers	
MUSC 317	Madrigal Singers	
MUSC 319	Opera Workshop	
Major Instrumental Ensemble		
Must be taken in 2 different semesters. Select two credits from the following in consultation with adviser:		2
MUSC 111	Marching Band	
MUSC 112	University Band	
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC 311	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 317	Madrigal Singers	
MUSC 319	Opera Workshop	
Applied Voice		
Must enroll in the following as indicated:		7
MUSC 167	Applied Voice (for 2 semesters)	
MUSC 267	Applied Voice (for 2 semesters)	
MUSC 367	Applied Voice (for 2 semesters)	
MUSC 467	Applied Voice (for 1 semester)	
Total Credits		20

¹ MUSC 189 is only required for first-time, first-year students--A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take MUSC 189.

Proficiency Waiver

- Piano proficiency exam must be completed before student teaching.
- Piano credit requirements listed may be waived in whole or in part for successful completion of the piano proficiency.
- Piano majors may fulfill this requirement by accompanying or performance on a secondary medium according to the discretion of the student's applied instructor/adviser.

Degree Requirements and Notes:

- Music majors may not declare a general music minor, but may declare specific music minors.
- Music majors must pass a Sophomore Screening or Barrier Jury prior to enrolling in student teaching. More information is available in the Area Handbook for your degree track.
- Instrumental Music Education majors must declare and receive a Vocal Music Education minor.
- Vocal Music Education majors must declare and receive an Instrumental Music Education minor.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all MUSC and EDUC prefix courses.
- To be placed in student teaching, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required.
- To exit the program, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required as well as completing the tests for Praxis Subject and Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12 (5624).
- See Teacher Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education/teacher-education>) for admission requirements.