

Music 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

Music Requirements

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

Code	Title	Credits
Music 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

Program Option

Students must be admitted to and select one track of interest to complete the major. 55-70

Total Credits **84-99**

Composition Track

Code	Title	Credits
Composition Support		
MUSC 331	Instrumental Arranging	2
MUSC 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2
or MUSC 352	Choral Conducting & Literature	
MUSC 435	Topics in Music Theory (Enroll twice)	6

Applied Composition

One semester of 100 level, 2 semesters each of 200 level, 300 level, and 400 level

MUSC 166	Applied Composition	1
MUSC 266 & MUSC 273	Applied Composition and Supplementary Applied Study (Enroll twice)	4
MUSC 366 & MUSC 373	Applied Composition and Supplementary Applied Study (Enroll twice)	4
MUSC 466 & MUSC 473	Applied Composition and Supplementary Applied Study (Enroll twice)	4

Applied Performance

Select 6 credits from one of the following applied music disciplines: 6

MUSC 165	Applied Piano	
MUSC 265	Applied Piano	
MUSC 365	Applied Piano	
MUSC 465	Applied Piano	
MUSC 167	Applied Voice	
MUSC 267	Applied Voice	
MUSC 367	Applied Voice	
MUSC 467	Applied Voice	
MUSC 168	Applied Wind Instruments	
MUSC 268	Applied Wind Instruments	
MUSC 368	Applied Wind Instruments	
MUSC 468	Applied Wind Instruments	
MUSC 169	Applied Percussion Instruments	
MUSC 269	Applied Percussion Instruments	
MUSC 369	Applied Percussion Instruments	
MUSC 469	Applied Percussion Instruments	
MUSC 170	Applied Upper Strings	
MUSC 270	Applied Upper Strings	
MUSC 370	Applied Upper Strings	
MUSC 470	Applied Upper Strings	
MUSC 171	Applied Lower Strings	
MUSC 271	Applied Lower Strings	
MUSC 371	Applied Lower Strings	
MUSC 471	Applied Lower Strings	
MUSC 172	Applied Guitar	
MUSC 272	Applied Guitar	
MUSC 372	Applied Guitar	
MUSC 472	Applied Guitar	

Major Ensembles

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

MUSC 111	Marching Band	
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MUSC 112	University Band	
MUSC 116	Cantemus	
MUSC 117	Statesmen of NDSU	
MUSC 215	University Chamber Singers	
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC 306	Concert Choir	

Minor Ensembles

Select 4 credits from the following: 4

MUSC 312	Percussion Ensemble	
MUSC 314	Brass Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 315	Woodwind Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 316	String Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 317	Madrigal Singers	
MUSC 318	Mixed Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 320	Vocal Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 321	Piano Chamber Music	
MUSC 322	Jazz Combo	

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

Major Electives

Selected in consultation with Advisor. ² 10

Capstone

The Composition track requires both a recital of original music (MUSC 480) and the creation of a substantial new work (MUSC 494)

MUSC 480	Recital	1
MUSC 494	Individual Study	1

Total Credits 55

Instrumental Performance Track

Code	Title	Credits
Instrumental Performance Support		
MUSC 331	Instrumental Arranging	2
MUSC 344	Wind Band Literature	2
or MUSC 441	Symphonic Literature	
MUSC 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2

Advanced Music Theory

MUSC 435	Topics in Music Theory (Enroll twice)	6
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Pedagogy

Select 2 credits from the following: 2

MUSC 173	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 273	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 373	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 473	Supplementary Applied Study	

Applied Music

Select 22 credits from the following: (2 semesters each of 100 level, 200 level, 300 level; 1 semester of 400 level) 22

Wind Instruments

MUSC 168 & MUSC 173	Applied Wind Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
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MUSC 268 & MUSC 273	Applied Wind Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 368 & MUSC 373	Applied Wind Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 468 & MUSC 473	Applied Wind Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
Percussion		
MUSC 169 & MUSC 173	Applied Percussion Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 269 & MUSC 273	Applied Percussion Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 369 & MUSC 373	Applied Percussion Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 469 & MUSC 473	Applied Percussion Instruments and Supplementary Applied Study	
Upper Strings		
MUSC 170 & MUSC 173	Applied Upper Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 270 & MUSC 273	Applied Upper Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 370 & MUSC 373	Applied Upper Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 470 & MUSC 473	Applied Upper Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
Lower Strings		
MUSC 171 & MUSC 173	Applied Lower Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 271 & MUSC 273	Applied Lower Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 371 & MUSC 373	Applied Lower Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 471 & MUSC 473	Applied Lower Strings and Supplementary Applied Study	
Guitar:		
MUSC 172 & MUSC 173	Applied Guitar and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 272 & MUSC 273	Applied Guitar and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 372 & MUSC 373	Applied Guitar and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 472 & MUSC 473	Applied Guitar and Supplementary Applied Study	
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
Creative Studies		
Select 4 credits from the following:		4
MUSC 166	Applied Composition	
MUSC 266	Applied Composition	
MUSC 311	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 357	Marching Band Methods and Techniques	
MUSC 358	Jazz Methods	
Major Ensemble		

Select 8 credits from the following (or as approved by advisor): ² 8

MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
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Students enrolled in applied instruction must participate in a major ensemble specific to applied area.

Minor Ensembles

Select 4 credits from the following (or as approved by advisor) ² 4

MUSC 111	Marching Band	
MUSC 112	University Band	
MUSC 311	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 314	Brass Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 315	Woodwind Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 316	String Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 318	Mixed Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 322	Jazz Combo	

Capstone

MUSC 380	Recital	1
MUSC 480	Recital	1

Total Credits 58

Piano Performance Track

Code	Title	Credits
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Piano Performance Support

MUSC 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2
or MUSC 352	Choral Conducting & Literature	
MUSC 443	Keyboard Literature (Enroll twice)	6
MUSC 423	Piano Pedagogy (Enroll twice)	6

Select 3 credits from the following: 3

MUSC 319	Opera Workshop	
MUSC 321	Piano Chamber Music	
MUSC 494	Individual Study	
MUSC 166	Applied Composition	

Advanced Music Theory

MUSC 435	Topics in Music Theory (Enroll twice)	6
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Additional Literature

Select one course from the following: 2-3

MUSC 344	Wind Band Literature	
MUSC 441	Symphonic Literature	
MUSC 442	Opera Literature	
MUSC 446	Topics in Song Literature	

Applied Music

Select 22 credits from the following: 22

MUSC 165	Applied Piano	
MUSC 173	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 265	Applied Piano	
MUSC 273	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 365	Applied Piano	
MUSC 373	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 465	Applied Piano	
MUSC 473	Supplementary Applied Study	

Major Ensembles

Select 2 credits from the following: 2

MUSC 111	Marching Band	
MUSC 112	University Band	

MUSC 116	Cantemus	
MUSC 117	Statesmen of NDSU	
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC 306	Concert Choir	

Minor Ensembles

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

MUSC 311	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 318	Mixed Chamber Ensemble	
MUSC 321	Piano Chamber Music	
MUSC 322	Jazz Combo	

Capstone

MUSC 380	Recital	1
MUSC 480	Recital	1

Total Credits 57-58

Vocal Performance Track

Code	Title	Credits
Vocal Performance Support		
MUSC 174	Pronunciation for Singers I	1
MUSC 175	Pronunciation for Singers II	1
MUSC 349	Vocal Methods & Pedagogy I	2
MUSC 442	Opera Literature	3
MUSC 446	Topics in Song Literature	3
SPAN 101	First-Year Spanish I	4
SPAN 102	First-Year Spanish II	4
SPAN 201	Second-Year Spanish I	3
SPAN 202	Second-Year Spanish II	3

Advanced Music Theory

MUSC 435	Topics in Music Theory (Enroll twice)	6
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Applied Music

Select 22 credits from the following: 22

MUSC 167 & MUSC 173	Applied Voice and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 267 & MUSC 273	Applied Voice and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 367 & MUSC 373	Applied Voice and Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 467 & MUSC 473	Applied Voice and Supplementary Applied Study	
THEA 268	Acting the Song I (may be taken once, substituting for 3 credits of MUSC *73)	

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

Major Ensembles

Select 8 credits from the following (or as approved by adviser): ² 8

MUSC 306	Concert Choir	
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Students enrolled in applied instruction must participate in a major ensemble specific to applied area.

Minor Ensemble

Select 4 credits from the following or as approved by the advisor: ² 4

MUSC 215	University Chamber Singers	
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MUSC 317	Madrigal Singers	
MUSC 319	Opera Workshop	
Capstone		
MUSC 380	Recital	1
MUSC 480	Recital	1
Total Credits		70

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.

² Courses selected in consultation with an advisor will require a substitution form to be submitted to the Office of Registration and Records for degree progress inclusion.

Proficiency Waiver

- Piano proficiency exam must be completed before pursuing the capstone experience.
- 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.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all MUSC prefix courses.