

# Music Education

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## Department Information

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- **Degrees Offered:**  
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- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Music Education - Instrumental Music Track

Degree Type: B.Mus

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 143

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specific by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses number 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU residence credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Residence credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2018-19/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		3
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		10
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		2
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
Total Credits		39

- \* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
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## Major Requirements

- A GPA of 2.75 or better in the teaching specialty is required for placement in student teaching and exit from the program.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all MUSC prefix courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Music Core Requirements for Education Majors</b>		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology (May satisfy general education category B)	3
HDFS 230 or PSYC 250	Life Span Development (May satisfy general education category B) Developmental Psychology	3
MUSC 103	Introduction to Music History (May satisfy general education category A)	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 250	Basic Conducting	2
MUSC 331	Instrumental Arranging	2
MUSC 340	Music History I	3
MUSC 341	Music History II	3
MUSC 344	Wind Band Literature	2
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 354	Woodwind Methods II	2
MUSC 355	Brass Methods	2
MUSC 357	Marching Band/Jazz Methods & Techniques	2
MUSC 359	Percussion Methods	2
MUSC 380 or MUSC 480	Recital Recital	1
MUSC 385	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUSC 481	Instrumental Music Methods	2
MUSC 482	Choral Music Methods	2
MUSC 483	Elementary Music Methods	2
<b>Professional Education Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Instrumental Track Requirements</b>		
Major Instrumental Ensemble: Must enroll in MUSC 303 Wind Symphony for 5 semesters and MUSC 111 Marching Band for 2 semesters.		7
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra (for string majors)	
MUSC 111	Marching Band	
Minor Ensembles: Must enroll in 2 different semesters as approved by adviser. May be selected from the following ensembles:		2
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	
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 Voice:		
MUSC 163	Voice Class for Instrumentalists	2
Performance Attendance: Must enroll in the following for 5 different semesters:		
MUSC 180	Performance Attendance	0
Applied Major Instrument: All students enrolled in applied instruction must participate in a major ensemble specific to their area. Two semesters each of 100 level, 200 level, and 300 level. One semester of 400 level. Select from the following:		7
MUSC 165	Applied Piano	
MUSC 168	Applied Wind Instruments	
MUSC 169	Applied Percussion Instruments	
MUSC 170	Applied Upper Strings	
MUSC 171	Applied Lower Strings	
MUSC 172	Applied Guitar	
Applied Piano: Private (MUSC 165) or class (MUSC 160; MUSC 161; MUSC 260; MUSC 261)		4
MUSC 165	Applied Piano (up to 2 semesters with permission)	
MUSC 160	Piano Class I	
MUSC 161	Piano Class II	
MUSC 260	Piano Class III	
MUSC 261	Piano Class IV	

Total Credits 116

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### Proficiency Waiver

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- 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

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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 174	Pronunciation for Singers I	1
MUSC 175	Pronunciation for Singers II	1
MUSC 189	Skills for Academic Success <sup>1</sup>	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 250	Basic Conducting	2
MUSC 332	Survey of Choral Literature	2
MUSC 340	Music History I	3
MUSC 341	Music History II	3
MUSC 349	Vocal Methods & Pedagogy I	2
MUSC 350	Vocal Methods & Pedagogy II	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	Recital	1
or MUSC 480	Recital	
MUSC 385	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUSC 481	Instrumental Music Methods	2
MUSC 482	Choral Music Methods	2
MUSC 483	Elementary Music Methods	2
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EDUC 488	Applied Student Teaching	3
EDUC 489	Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds	3
<b>Vocal Track Requirements</b>		
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	
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	
Performance Attendance: Must enroll for 5 different semesters		
MUSC 180	Performance Attendance	0

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)
Students enrolled in applied instruction must participate in a major ensemble specific to applied area.	
Applied Piano: Private (MUSC 165) or class (MUSC 160; MUSC 161; MUSC 260; MUSC 261)	4
MUSC 160	Piano Class I (Up to 2 semesters of MUSC 165 with permission)
or MUSC 165	Applied Piano
MUSC 161	Piano Class II
MUSC 260	Piano Class III
MUSC 261	Piano Class IV
Total Credits	112

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## Minor Requirements

### Minor: Music Education

Required Credits: 19

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Applied Study Electives</b>		2
<b>Major Ensemble Electives</b>		2
<b>Music Education Practicum: Select one of the following:</b>		2
MUSC 481	Instrumental Music Methods	
MUSC 482	Choral Music Methods	
MUSC 483	Elementary Music Methods	
<b>Music Education Methods: Select one from the following:</b>		2
MUSC 349	Vocal Methods & Pedagogy I	
MUSC 353	Woodwind Methods I	
MUSC 355	Brass Methods	
MUSC 359	Percussion Methods	
Total Credits		19

## Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.

## Minor Requirements

### Instrumental Music Education Minor

Required Credits: 19

Code	Title	Credits
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 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2
<b>Instrumental Ensemble: Select 2 credits from the following:</b>		2
MUSC 111	Marching Band	
MUSC 112	University Band	
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony	
<b>Music Education Methods</b>		
MUSC 353	Woodwind Methods I	2
MUSC 355	Brass Methods	2
MUSC 359	Percussion Methods	2
<b>Music Education Practicum</b>		
MUSC 481	Instrumental Music Methods	2
Total Credits		23

## Minor Requirements

### Vocal Music Education Minor

Required Credits: 20

Code	Title	Credits
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 352	Choral Conducting & Literature	2
<b>Choral Ensemble: Select 2 credits from the following:</b>		2
MUSC 116	Cantemus	
MUSC 117	Statesmen of NDSU	
MUSC 215	University Chamber Singers	
MUSC 306	Concert Choir	
<b>Music Education Methods</b>		
MUSC 162	Voice Class	1
MUSC 163	Voice Class for Instrumentalists	2
<b>Music Education Practicum</b>		
MUSC 482	Choral Music Methods	2
Total Credits		20