

# Music Education

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.Mus.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/music-education/](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/music-education/)

The **Bachelor of Music in Music Education** (B.Mus.) includes certification requirements for students to teach music in North Dakota's public schools. Students will be certified to teach K-12 after completing all requirements from the music education curriculum and ND state licensure. Though the degree contains comprehensive preparation, students generally elect a principal area in either instrumental or voice/choral.

## Certification in Music Education

Students must complete the School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>) requirements, complete the common core music requirements, complete either the vocal or instrumental emphasis and pass a piano proficiency examination prior to student teaching. Piano credit requirements may be waived in whole or in part upon successful completion of the piano proficiency examinations. Specific general education requirements, School of Education requirements, and other information may be obtained from the Division of Performing Arts (<https://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts>) office.

## Ensembles

The NDSU Challey School of Music sponsors a large variety of ensembles including the NDSU Wind Symphony, Concert Choir, University Symphony Orchestra, Madrigal Singers, two large Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Combos, the Gold Star Marching Band, Brass Ensemble, University Chamber Singers, NDSU Statesmen, Cantemus, University Band, Bison Pep Bands, NDSU Opera Theatre, and chamber ensembles in typical instrumental and vocal combinations. The Concert Choir, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Madrigal Singers and several other groups have touring programs, some of which are national or international in scope. Participation in these ensembles is open to all students, some by audition and some as open-enrollment ensembles.

## Music Curricula

Requirements are grouped by degree. Please refer also to graduation requirements listed in the Academic Policies (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies>) section of this publication. The information in this Bulletin may be superseded by information updated regularly and provided by the Challey School of Music.

### instrumental music education

9 Semester Plan of Study for Students entering in EVEN Fall.

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

| First Year             |         |                              |         |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| Fall                   | Credits | Spring                       | Credits |
| EVEN YEAR              |         | ODD YEAR                     |         |
| MUSC 111               | 1       | MUSC 103 (Gen Ed category A) | 3       |
| MUSC 130               | 3       | MUSC 131                     | 3       |
| MUSC 132               | 1       | MUSC 133                     | 1       |
| MUSC 160               | 1       | MUSC 161                     | 1       |
| MUSC 189               | 1       | MUSC 1XX Applied Study       | 1       |
| MUSC 1XX Applied Study | 1       | MUSC 1XX Choir               | 1       |

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|--|----------------|---|----------------|
| MUSC 1XX Choir   | 1              | PSYC 250 (or HDFS 230 - either course counts as Gen Ed Category B ) | 3              |
| MUSC 1XX Minor Ens.  | 1              | ENGL 120 (Gen Ed category C)  | 3              |
| ENGL 110 (Gen Ed category C)   | 4              |   |                |
| PSYC 111 (Gen Ed category B)   | 3              |   |                |
|  | 17             |   | 16             |
| <b>Second Year</b>   |                |   |                |
| <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Spring</b>   | <b>Credits</b> |
| ODD YEAR   |                | EVEN YEAR   |                |
| MUSC 111   | 1              | MUSC 163  | 2              |
| MUSC 230   | 3              | MUSC 231  | 3              |
| MUSC 232   | 1              | MUSC 233  | 1              |
| MUSC 260   | 1              | MUSC 261  | 1              |
| MUSC 2XX Applied Study   | 1              | MUSC 2XX Applied Study  | 1              |
| EDUC 321   | 3              | MUSC 3XX Band   | 1              |
| Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S and category G <sup>Select a course that fulfills both categories</sup> | 3              | EDUC 322  | 3              |
| COMM 110 (Gen Ed category C)   | 3              | Science & Technology w/lab - Gen Ed category S                      | 4              |
|  | 16             |   | 16             |
| <b>Third Year</b>  |                |   |                |
| <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Spring</b>   | <b>Credits</b> |
| EVEN YEAR  |                | ODD YEAR  |                |
| MUSC 250   | 2              | MUSC 341  | 3              |
| MUSC 340 (Gen Ed category A)   | 3              | MUSC 351  | 2              |
| MUSC 353   | 2              | MUSC 354  | 2              |
| MUSC 357   | 2              | MUSC 359  | 2              |
| MUSC 482   | 2              | MUSC 3XX Applied Study  | 1              |
| MUSC 3XX Applied Study   | 1              | MUSC 3XX Band   | 1              |
| MUSC 3XX Band  | 1              | MUSC 1XX Minor Ens.   | 1              |
| EDUC 451   | 3              | Cultural Diversity - Gen Ed category D                              | 3              |
|  |                | EDUC 486  | 3              |
|  | 16             |   | 18             |
| <b>Fourth Year</b>   |                |   |                |
| <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Spring</b>   | <b>Credits</b> |
| ODD YEAR   |                | EVEN YEAR   |                |
| MUSC 331   | 2              | MUSC 480  | 1              |
| MUSC 344   | 2              | MUSC 3XX Band   | 1              |
| MUSC 349   | 2              | MUSC 483  | 2              |
| MUSC 352   | 2              | EDUC 489  | 3              |
| MUSC 355   | 2              | Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S                            | 3              |
| MUSC 385   | 3              | Quantitative Reasoning - Gen Ed category R                          | 3              |

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|------------------------|---|----|
| MUSC 481               | 2 ENGL 323 (Upper division writing requirement) | 3  |
| MUSC 4XX Applied Study | 1 Wellness - Gen Ed category W                  | 2  |
| MUSC 3XX Band          | 1   |    |
|                        | 17  | 18 |

| Fifth Year |         |  |
|------------|---------|--|
| Fall       | Credits |  |
| EVEN YEAR  |         |  |
| EDUC 485   | 1       |  |
| EDUC 487   | 9       |  |
| EDUC 488   | 3       |  |
|            | 13      |  |

Total Credits: 147

9 Semester Plan of Study for Students entering in ODD Fall.

| First Year                   |         |                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| Fall                         | Credits | Spring                       | Credits |
| ODD YEAR                     |         | EVEN YEAR                    |         |
| MUSC 111                     | 1       | MUSC 103 (Gen Ed category A) | 3       |
| MUSC 130                     | 3       | MUSC 131                     | 3       |
| MUSC 132                     | 1       | MUSC 133                     | 1       |
| MUSC 160                     | 1       | MUSC 161                     | 1       |
| MUSC 189                     | 1       | MUSC 1XX Applied Study       | 1       |
| MUSC 1XX Applied Study       | 1       | MUSC 1XX Choir               | 1       |
| MUSC 1XX Choir               | 1       | PSYC 250 (Gen Ed category B) | 3       |
| MUSC 1XX Minor Ens.          | 1       | ENGL 120 (Gen Ed category C) | 3       |
| ENGL 110 (Gen Ed category C) | 4       |                              |         |
| PSYC 111 (Gen Ed category B) | 3       |                              |         |
|                              | 17      |                              | 16      |

| Second Year  |         |  |         |
|--|---------|--|---------|
| Fall   | Credits | Spring   | Credits |
| MUSC 111   | 1       | MUSC 163                                       | 2       |
| MUSC 230   | 3       | MUSC 231                                       | 3       |
| MUSC 232   | 1       | MUSC 233                                       | 1       |
| MUSC 260   | 1       | MUSC 261                                       | 1       |
| MUSC 2XX Applied Study   | 1       | MUSC 2XX Applied Study                         | 1       |
| Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S and category G <small>Select a course that fulfills both categories</small> | 3       | MUSC 3XX Band                                  | 1       |
| COMM 110 (Gen Ed category C)   | 3       | EDUC 322                                       | 3       |
| EDUC 321   | 3       | Science & Technology w/lab - Gen Ed category S | 4       |
|  | 16      |  | 16      |

| Third Year |         |           |         |
|------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Fall       | Credits | Spring    | Credits |
| ODD YEAR   |         | EVEN YEAR |         |

|                              |   |  |   |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| MUSC 250                     | 2 | MUSC 341                               | 3 |
| MUSC 331                     | 2 | MUSC 351                               | 2 |
| MUSC 340 (Gen Ed category A) | 3 | MUSC 354                               | 2 |
| MUSC 344                     | 2 | MUSC 359                               | 2 |
| MUSC 353                     | 2 | MUSC 3XX Applied Study                 | 1 |
| MUSC 482                     | 2 | MUSC 3XX Band                          | 1 |
| MUSC 3XX Applied Study       | 1 | MUSC 1XX Minor Ens.                    | 1 |
| MUSC 3XX Band                | 1 | Cultural Diversity - Gen Ed category D | 3 |
| EDUC 451                     | 3 | EDUC 486                               | 3 |

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**Fourth Year**

| Fall                         | Credits | Spring  | Credits |
|------------------------------|---------|---|---------|
| ODD YEAR                     |         | EVEN YEAR                                     |         |
| MUSC 349                     | 2       | MUSC 480                                      | 1       |
| MUSC 352                     | 2       | MUSC 3XX Band                                 | 1       |
| MUSC 355                     | 2       | MUSC 483                                      | 2       |
| MUSC 357                     | 2       | EDUC 489                                      | 3       |
| MUSC 385                     | 3       | Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S      | 3       |
| MUSC 482                     | 2       | Quantitative Reasoning - Gen Ed category R    | 3       |
| MUSC 4XX Applied Study       | 1       | ENGL 323 (Upper division writing requirement) | 3       |
| MUSC 3XX Band                | 1       |   |         |
| Wellness - Gen Ed category W | 2       |   |         |
|                              | 17      |   | 16      |

**Fifth Year**

| Fall      | Credits |
|-----------|---------|
| EVEN YEAR |         |
| EDUC 485  | 1       |
| EDUC 487  | 9       |
| EDUC 488  | 3       |
|           | 13      |

Total Credits: 147

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**Freshman**

| Fall            | Credits | Spring                       | Credits |
|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| ODD YEAR        |         | EVEN YEAR                    |         |
| MUSC 112 or 111 | 1       | MUSC 103 (Gen Ed category A) | 3       |
| MUSC 130        | 3       | MUSC 131                     | 3       |

|                              |   |                              |    |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----|
| MUSC 132                     | 1 | MUSC 133                     | 1  |
| MUSC 160                     | 1 | MUSC 161                     | 1  |
| MUSC 167                     | 1 | MUSC 167                     | 1  |
| MUSC 174                     | 1 | MUSC 175                     | 1  |
| MUSC 189                     | 1 | MUSC 1XX Choir               | 1  |
| MUSC 1XX Choir               | 1 | ENGL 120 (Gen Ed category C) | 3  |
| ENGL 110 (Gen Ed category C) | 4 | Wellness - Gen Ed category W | 2  |
| COMM 110 (Gen Ed category C) | 3 |                              |    |
|                              |   | 17                           | 16 |

**Sophomore**

| Fall                         | Credits | Spring  | Credits |
|------------------------------|---------|---|---------|
| EVEN YEAR                    |         | ODD YEAR  |         |
| MUSC 112 or 111              | 1       | MUSC 231  | 3       |
| MUSC 230                     | 3       | MUSC 233  | 1       |
| MUSC 232                     | 1       | MUSC 261  | 1       |
| MUSC 260                     | 1       | MUSC 267  | 1       |
| MUSC 267                     | 1       | MUSC 3XX Choir  | 1       |
| MUSC 3XX Choir               | 1       | MUSC 1XX Minor Ensemble   | 1       |
| MUSC 353                     | 2       | Science & Technology w/Lab - Gen Ed category S                          | 4       |
| EDUC 321                     | 3       | PSYC 250 (or take HDFS 230 - either course counts as Gen Ed category B) | 3       |
| PSYC 111 (Gen Ed category B) | 3       |   |         |
|                              |         | 16  | 15      |

**Junior**

| Fall   | Credits | Spring                  | Credits |
|--|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| ODD YEAR   |         | EVEN YEAR               |         |
| MUSC 250   | 2       | MUSC 341                | 3       |
| MUSC 340   | 3       | MUSC 350                | 2       |
| MUSC 349   | 2       | MUSC 351                | 2       |
| MUSC 367   | 1       | MUSC 367                | 1       |
| MUSC 3XX Choir   | 1       | MUSC 3XX Choir          | 1       |
| MUSC 481   | 2       | MUSC 3XX Minor Ensemble | 1       |
| EDUC 451   | 3       | EDUC 322                | 3       |
| Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S and category G <sup>Select</sup> course that fulfills both categories | 3       | EDUC 486                | 3       |
|  |         | 17                      | 16      |

**Senior**

| Fall      | Credits | Spring   | Credits |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------|
| EVEN YEAR |         | ODD YEAR |         |
| MUSC 332  | 2       | MUSC 359 | 2       |
| MUSC 352  | 2       | MUSC 480 | 1       |
| MUSC 355  | 2       | MUSC 483 | 2       |
| MUSC 385  | 3       | EDUC 489 | 3       |

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|---|--|----|
| MUSC 467                                      | 1 Cultural Diversity - Gen Ed category D     | 3  |
| MUSC 482                                      | 2 Quantitative Reasoning - Gen Ed category R | 3  |
| MUSC 3XX Choir                                | 1 Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S   | 3  |
| ENGL 323 (Upper division writing requirement) | 3  |    |
|   | 16   | 17 |

**Fifth Year**

| Fall     | Credits |  |
|----------|---------|--|
| ODD YEAR |         |  |
| EDUC 485 | 1       |  |
| EDUC 487 | 9       |  |
| EDUC 488 | 3       |  |
|          | 13      |  |

Total Credits: 143

9 Semester Plan of Study for Students entering in EVEN Fall.

**Freshman**

| Fall                         | Credits | Spring                       | Credits |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| EVEN YEAR                    |         | ODD YEAR                     |         |
| MUSC 130                     | 3       | MUSC 103 (Gen Ed category A) | 3       |
| MUSC 132                     | 1       | MUSC 131                     | 3       |
| MUSC 160                     | 1       | MUSC 133                     | 1       |
| MUSC 167                     | 1       | MUSC 161                     | 1       |
| MUSC 174                     | 1       | MUSC 167                     | 1       |
| MUSC 189                     | 1       | MUSC 175                     | 1       |
| MUSC 3XX Choir               | 1       | MUSC 3XX Choir               | 1       |
| ENGL 110 (Gen Ed category C) | 4       | ENGL 120 (Gen Ed category C) | 3       |
| COMM 110 (Gen Ed category C) | 3       | Wellness - Gen Ed category W | 2       |
|                              | 16      |                              | 16      |

**Sophomore**

| Fall                         | Credits | Spring   | Credits |
|------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
| ODD YEAR                     |         | EVEN YEAR                                      |         |
| MUSC 112 or 111              | 1       | MUSC 112                                       | 1       |
| MUSC 230                     | 3       | MUSC 231                                       | 3       |
| MUSC 232                     | 1       | MUSC 233                                       | 1       |
| MUSC 260                     | 1       | MUSC 261                                       | 1       |
| MUSC 267                     | 1       | MUSC 267                                       | 1       |
| MUSC 3XX Choir               | 1       | MUSC 3XX Choir                                 | 1       |
| MUSC 353                     | 2       | MUSC 1XX Minor Ensemble                        | 1       |
| EDUC 321                     | 3       | EDUC 322                                       | 3       |
| PSYC 111 (Gen Ed category B) | 3       | Science & Technology w/lab - Gen Ed category S | 4       |
|                              | 16      |  | 16      |

| <b>Junior</b>  |                |                              |                |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Spring</b>                | <b>Credits</b> |
| EVEN YEAR  |                | ODD YEAR                     |                |
| MUSC 180   | 0              | MUSC 341                     | 3              |
| MUSC 250   | 2              | MUSC 351                     | 2              |
| MUSC 340 (Gen Ed category A)   | 3              | MUSC 367                     | 1              |
| MUSC 367   | 1              | MUSC 3XX Choir               | 1              |
| MUSC 385   | 3              | MUSC 3XX Minor Ensemble      | 1              |
| MUSC 3XX Choir   | 1              | EDUC 486                     | 3              |
| MUSC 481   | 2              | EDUC 489                     | 3              |
| EDUC 451   | 3              | PSYC 250 (Gen Ed category B) | 3              |
| Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S and category G <sup>Select a course that fulfills both categories</sup> | 3              |                              |                |
|  | 18             |                              | 17             |

| <b>Senior</b>                                 |                |  |                |
|---|----------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Fall</b>                                   | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Spring</b>                              | <b>Credits</b> |
| ODD YEAR                                      |                | EVEN YEAR                                  |                |
| MUSC 332                                      | 2              | MUSC 350                                   | 2              |
| MUSC 349                                      | 2              | MUSC 359                                   | 2              |
| MUSC 352                                      | 2              | MUSC 480                                   | 1              |
| MUSC 355                                      | 2              | MUSC 483                                   | 2              |
| MUSC 467                                      | 1              | Cultural Diversity - Gen Ed category D     | 3              |
| MUSC 482                                      | 2              | Quantitative Reasoning - Gen Ed category R | 3              |
| MUSC 3XX Choir                                | 1              | Science & Technology - Gen Ed category S   | 3              |
| ENGL 323 (Upper division writing requirement) | 3              |  |                |
|   | 15             |  | 16             |

| <b>Fifth Year</b> |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Fall</b>       | <b>Credits</b> |
| EVEN YEAR         |                |
| EDUC 485          | 1              |
| EDUC 487          | 9              |
| EDUC 488          | 3              |
|                   | 13             |

Total Credits: 143