

Music Education

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.Mus.; Minor
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/music-education/ (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/music-education/>)

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

Licensure in Music Education

Teacher candidates 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://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/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 The information in this Bulletin may be superseded by information updated regularly and provided by the Challey School of Music.

Sample Program Guide

instrumental music education

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

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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		1 MUSC XXX Band	1
MUSC 1XX Applied Study		1 MUSC 1XX Applied Study	1

MUSC XXX Choir ^{MUSC 116, 117 or 215}	1	MUSC XXX Choir ^{MUSC 116, 117 or 215}	1
ENGL 110	3	ENGL 120	3
COMM 110	3	Gen Ed Science & Technology w/Lab	4
PSYC 111	3		
	18		18
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 111		1 MUSC 108 ^(Cultural Diversity Gen Ed)	3
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
MUSC 355		2 MUSC XXX Band	1
EDUC 321		3 MUSC 359	2
HDFS 230 or PSYC 250		3 EDUC 322	3
Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning		3 Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
	18		18
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EVEN YEAR		ODD YEAR	
MUSC 331		2 MUSC 341	3
MUSC 340 ^(Gen Ed category A)		3 MUSC 351	2
MUSC 353		2 MUSC 354	2
MUSC 357		1 MUSC 3XX Applied Study	1
MUSC 358		1 MUSC XXX Band	1
MUSC 3XX Applied Study		1 Minor Ensemble	1
MUSC XXX Band		1 MUSC 385	3
EDUC 451		3 MUSC 483	2
EDUC 489		3 EDUC 486	3
Gen Ed Wellness		2	
	19		18
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 349		2 EDUC 485	1
MUSC 352		2 EDUC 487	9
MUSC 380 or 480		1 EDUC 488	3
MUSC 481		2	
MUSC 482		2	
MUSC 4XX Applied Study		1	
MUSC 3XX Band		1	
MUSC XXX Minor Ensemble		1	
ENGL 322		3	

Gen Ed Science & Technology/Glob
Persp

3

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13

Total Credits: 140

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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		1 MUSC 1XX Applied Study	1
MUSC 1XX Applied Study		1 MUSC XXX Band	1
MUSC XXX Choir ^{MUSC 116, 117 or 215}		1 MUSC XXX Choir ^{MUSC 116, 117 or 215}	1
ENGL 110		3 ENGL 120	3
COMM 110		3 Gen Ed Science & Technology w/Lab	4
PSYC 111		3	
		18	18
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
MUSC 111		1 MUSC 108	3
MUSC 230		3 MUSC 231	3
MUSC 232		1 MUSC 233	1
MUSC 260		1 MUSC 261	1
MUSC 355		2 MUSC 2XX Applied Study	1
MUSC 2XX Applied Study		1 MUSC XXX Band	1
HDFS 230 or PSYC 250		3 MUSC 359	2
EDUC 321		3 EDUC 322	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology		3 Gen Ed Science & Technology/Glob Persp	3
		18	18
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 340 ^(Gen Ed category A)		3 MUSC 341	3
MUSC 349		2 MUSC 351	2
MUSC 353		2 MUSC 354	2
MUSC 3XX Applied Study		1 MUSC 385	3
MUSC XXX Band		1 MUSC 483	2
MUSC XXX Minor Ensemble		1 MUSC 3XX Applied Study	1

EDUC 451	3 MUSC XXX Band	1
EDUC 489	3 MUSC XXX Minor Ensemble	1
Gen Ed Wellness	2 EDUC 486	3
18		18

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 331		2 EDUC 485	1
MUSC 352		2 EDUC 487	9
MUSC 357		1 EDUC 488	3
MUSC 358		1	
MUSC 380 or 480		1	
MUSC 481		2	
MUSC 482		2	
MUSC 4XX Applied Study		1	
MUSC XXX Band		1	
ENGL 322		3	
Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning		3	
		19	13

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Sample Program Guide

vocal music education

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Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 130		3 MUSC 103	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		1 MUSC 175	1
MUSC XXX Choir		1 MUSC XXX Choir	1
ENGL 110		3 ENGL 120	3
COMM 110		3 PSYC 111	3

Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning	3		
	18		17
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EVEN YEAR		ODD YEAR	
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 355		2 MUSC 359	2
MUSC XXX Choir		1 MUSC XXX Choir	1
MUSC XXX Band		1 MUSC XXX Band	1
EDUC 321		3 EDUC 322	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology w/Lab		4 PSYC 250 or HDFS 230	3
		Gen Ed Wellness	2
	17		18
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 108 ^(Cultural Diversity Gen Ed)		3 MUSC 341	3
MUSC 340 ^(Gen Ed category A)		3 MUSC 351	2
MUSC 349		2 MUSC 367	1
MUSC 353		2 MUSC 385	3
MUSC 367		1 MUSC XXX Choir	1
MUSC XXX Choir		1 MUSC XXX Minor Ensemble	1
MUSC XXX Minor Ensemble		1 MUSC 483	2
EDUC 451		3 EDUC 486	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology/Glob Persp		3	
	19		16
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EVEN YEAR		ODD YEAR	
MUSC 352		2 EDUC 485	1
MUSC 467		1 EDUC 487	9
MUSC 380 or 480		1 EDUC 488	3
MUSC 481		2	
MUSC 482		2	
MUSC XXX Choir		1	
EDUC 489		3	
ENGL 322		3	
Gen Ed Science & Technology		3	
	18		13
Total Credits: 136			

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EVEN YEAR		ODD YEAR	
MUSC 130		3 MUSC 103	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		1 MUSC 175	1
MUSC XXX Choir		1 MUSC XXX Choir	1
ENGL 110		3 ENGL 120	3
COMM 110		3 PSYC 111	3
Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning		3	
		18	17
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
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 355		2 MUSC 359	2
MUSC XXX Choir		1 MUSC XXX Choir	1
MUSC XXX Band		1 MUSC XXX Band	1
EDUC 321		3 EDUC 322	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology w/Lab		4 HDFS 230 or PSYC 250	3
		Gen Ed Wellness	2
		17	18
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EVEN YEAR		ODD YEAR	
MUSC 340 ^(Gen Ed category A)		3 MUSC 341	3
MUSC 353		2 MUSC 351	2
MUSC 367		1 MUSC 367	1
MUSC XXX Choir		1 MUSC 385	3
MUSC XXX Minor ensemble		1 MUSC XXX Choir	1
EDUC 451		3 MUSC XXX Minor Ensemble	1
EDUC 489		3 MUSC 483	2
Gen Ed ence & Technology/Glob Persp		3 EDUC 486	3

		ENGL 322	3
		17	19
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ODD YEAR		EVEN YEAR	
MUSC 108 ^(Cultural Diversity Gen Ed)		3 EDUC 485	1
MUSC 349		2 EDUC 487	9
MUSC 352		2 EDUC 488	3
MUSC 380 or 480		1	
MUSC 467		1	
MUSC 481		2	
MUSC 482		2	
MUSC XXX Choir		1	
Gen Ed Science & Technology		3	
		17	13

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