

Music

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.; B.Mus.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/music/ (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/music/>)

Major Requirements

Major: Music - Instrumental Performance

Degree Type: B.Mus.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 128

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 specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
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 D: Cultural Diversity ^{**†}		
Category G: Global Perspectives ^{**†}		
Total Credits		39

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Courses for category D & G are satisfied by completing D & G designated courses in another general education category.

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General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

Major 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 (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 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 341	Music History II	3
MUSC 380	Recital	1
MUSC 340	Music History I	3
MUSC 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2
MUSC 385	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUSC 480	Recital	1
Advanced Theory - select 2 of the following 3 courses		6
MUSC 411	Form and Analysis	
MUSC 430	Counterpoint	
MUSC 431	Contemporary Harmonic Techniques	
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	
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	
Instrumental Track		
MUSC 331	Instrumental Arranging	2
Literature		
MUSC 344 or MUSC 441	Wind Band Literature Symphonic Literature	2
Applied Piano: Class or individual study		4
MUSC 160 or MUSC 165	Piano Class I (Up to 2 semesters of MUSC 165 with permission) Applied Piano	
MUSC 161	Piano Class II	
MUSC 260	Piano Class III	
MUSC 261	Piano Class IV	
Jazz Studies: Select 4 credits from the following:		4
MUSC 311	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 357	Marching Band Methods and Techniques	
MUSC 364	Jazz Improvisation	
MUSC 384	Composition I	
MUSC 484	Composition II	
Major Ensemble: Select 8 credits from the following:		8
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony (or as approved by adviser)	
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra (for string majors)	
Minor Ensembles: Select 4 credits from the following:		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	

Or as approved by adviser

Total Credits**87**

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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.

Degree Notes

- Music majors may not declare a music minor.