

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 - Piano 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 340	Music History I	3
MUSC 341	Music History II	3
MUSC 351	Instrumental Conducting & Literature	2
or MUSC 352	Choral Conducting & Literature	
MUSC 385	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUSC 380	Recital	1
MUSC 480	Recital	1
Upper-Division Music Theory: Select 9 credits from the following:		9
MUSC 411	Form and Analysis	
MUSC 430	Counterpoint	
MUSC 431	Contemporary Harmonic Techniques	
MUSC 434	Analytical Techniques	
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	
Piano Track		
MUSC 443	Keyboard Literature (Take two times.)	6
Additional Literature: Select one of the following:		2
MUSC 344	Wind Band Literature	
MUSC 346	Survey/Vocal Literature	
MUSC 441	Symphonic Literature	
MUSC 442	Opera Literature	
Pedagogy:		
MUSC 423	Piano Pedagogy (Take two times.)	6
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	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
MUSC 319	Opera Workshop	
MUSC 321	Piano Chamber Music	
MUSC 494	Individual Study	
MUSC 166	Applied Composition	
Total Credits		89

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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.