

Music Major (B.S.)

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 122

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
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		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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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	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	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 385	Music Entrepreneurship	3
Capstone Experience: Select from following: ²		1

MUSC 380	Recital
MUSC 480	Recital
MUSC 494	

Vocal Music or Instrumental Music Track

Select either the vocal or instrumental track to complete the major. 12 or 22

Total Credits 42-52

Instrumental Music Track (Default Track)

Code	Title	Credits
Applied Music: Select 6 credits from the following:		6

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
MUSC 265	Applied Piano
MUSC 268	Applied Wind Instruments
MUSC 269	Applied Percussion Instruments
MUSC 270	Applied Upper Strings
MUSC 271	Applied Lower Strings
MUSC 272	Applied Guitar
MUSC 365	Applied Piano
MUSC 368	Applied Wind Instruments
MUSC 369	Applied Percussion Instruments
MUSC 370	Applied Upper Strings
MUSC 371	Applied Lower Strings
MUSC 372	Applied Guitar
MUSC 373	Supplementary Applied Study
MUSC 465	Applied Piano
MUSC 468	Applied Wind Instruments
MUSC 469	Applied Percussion Instruments
MUSC 470	Applied Upper Strings
MUSC 471	Applied Lower Strings
MUSC 472	Applied Guitar
MUSC 473	Supplementary Applied Study

Major Ensemble: Select 6 credits from the following: 6

MUSC 111	Marching Band
MUSC 112	University Band
MUSC 303	Wind Symphony
MUSC 304	University Symphony Orchestra

Total Credits 12

Vocal Music Track

Code	Title	Credits
Vocal Music Core		

MUSC 108	Roots of American Popular Music	3
MUSC 109	World Music	3
MUSC 160	Piano Class I	1
MUSC 161	Piano Class II	1
MUSC 174	Pronunciation for Singers I	1

MUSC 175	Pronunciation for Singers II	1
Applied Music: Select 6 credits from the following:		6
MUSC 167	Applied Voice	
MUSC 267	Applied Voice	
MUSC 367	Applied Voice	
MUSC 373	Supplementary Applied Study	
MUSC 467	Applied Voice	
MUSC 473	Supplementary Applied Study	
Major Ensemble: Select 6 credits from the following:		6
MUSC 116	Cantemus	
MUSC 117	Statesmen of NDSU	
MUSC 215	University Chamber Singers	
MUSC 306	Concert Choir	
Total Credits		22

¹ 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.

² B.S. Recital Capstone or Individual Study Capstone is fulfilled by registration in MUSC 380 Recital, MUSC 480 Recital, or MUSC 494 . The MUSC 494 registration is approved by the music faculty and supervised by the adviser. Possibilities include:

- Half (MUSC 380 Recital) or full (MUSC 480 Recital) recital with program notes.
- Approved research project on a topic related to music; requires a formal written document (MUSC 494).
- Approved internship, such as directing an ensemble (e.g. church choir), teaching at the NDSU Academy, observed regularly by the advisor, with a formal written document of the experience (MUSC 494).
- Approved “lecture recital” with a formal presentation. Lecture recital should be at least the same length as a half recital (MUSC 494)
- Performance or major opera role or a major solo with ensemble in a formal concert, accompanied by a summary document (MUSC 494)

Degree Requirements and Notes

- Music majors may not declare a music minor.