



Four-Year Degree Plan: Bachelor of Arts in Music

Catalog Year: 2023-2024

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This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Arts in Music in eight semesters. This document is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes only and is intended for use in consultation with a Professional Academic or Faculty advisor. **Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the [MSU Denver catalog](#) for degree requirements.**

Year One					
Semester 1			Semester 2		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (*Note 1)	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3	MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3
MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1	MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1	MUS 162B	Class Piano II	1
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1	MUS 172X	Private Instruction II	2
MUS 171X	Private Instruction I	2	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble (**Note 2)	1	MTH 1XXX	Quantitative Literacy	3
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3	ENG 1020	Research and Argument Writing	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3			
Semester 1 Total		15	Semester 2 Total		14

Year Two					
Semester 3			Semester 4		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3	MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1	MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 271X	Private Instruction III	2	MUS 272X	Private Instruction IV	2
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
--	General Studies, Minor/or Elective Requirements	9	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
			--	General Studies Requirements	6
Semester 3 Total		16	Semester 4 Total		16

Year Three					
Semester 5			Semester 6		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 3210	Music History I	3	MUS 3220	Music Theory II	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS38XX	Ensemble	1
--	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	12	MUS 3260	Prof. Develop for 21 st Cent. Mus	3
			--	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	9
Semester 5 Total		16	Semester 6 Total		16

Year Four					
Semester 7			Semester 8		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 38XX	Ensemble (World) (***)Note 3)	1	MUS 4950	Senior Project	3
MUS Elect	Upper Division Elective in Music Theory, Lit, History, or Pedagogy	3	--	Minor and/or Elective Requirements	6
--	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	9	--	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	5
Semester 7 Total		13	Semester 8 Total		14

Program Total: 120

A minor is required for the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. Students must complete all courses with a grade of C- or better. See the MSU Denver Catalog for Ensemble Requirements. Please see notes 1-3 for additional information.

*Note 1: Students must enroll in Recital Attendance during each semester of required private instruction.

**Note 2: Music majors must enroll in their concentration's required ensemble during each semester of private instruction.

***Note 3: Fulfilled by MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble, MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble, or MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble.

Advisor Contact Information: Visit [Department of Music Advising](#) or [CLAS Academic Advising](#)

Detailed Course Listing

General Studies		
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3
--	Additional General Studies Requirements	30
General Studies Total		33

Core Requirements		
--	Recital Attendance (2 Semesters)	0
--	Music Theory I, II, III, IV	12
--	Music Theory Lab I, II, III, IV	4
--	Class Piano I, II	2
--	Private Instruction I, II	4
--	Musics of the World	3
--	Music History I, II	6
--	Ensemble (World)	1
Core Requirements Total		32

Specific Degree Requirements		
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (2 Additional Semesters)	0
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 2710	Private Instruction III	2
MUS 2720	Private Instruction IV	2
--	Upper Division Elective in Music Theory, Lit, History or Pedagogy	3
MUS 3260	Prof Dev for 21st Cent Musicians	3
MUS 4950	Senior Project	3
Specific Degree Requirements Total		14

Program Totals

General Studies Requirements	33
Core Requirements	32
Specific Degree Requirements	14
Ensembles	6
Elective/Minor	35
Total to Graduate	120



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