

MUSIC at MSU DENVER

Advising Information Catalog Year 2025-2026

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Recommended Course Sequence for Graduation in Eight Semesters

1st Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (*Note 1)	0
MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 171x	Private Instruction I	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (*Note 2)	1
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
	TOTAL	15

2nd Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1
MUS 1210	Intro to Musical Styles and Research	2
MUS 162B	Class Piano II	1
MUS 172x	Private Instruction II	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MTH 1xxx-	General Studies Quantitative Literacy Requirement	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Composition	3
	TOTAL	16

3rd Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1
MUS 271x	Private Instruction III	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
VARIOUS	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	9
	TOTAL	16

4th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 272x	Private Instruction IV	2
MUS 3050	Music of the World	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
	TOTAL	16

5th Semester (Fall):

MUS 3210	Music History I	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
VARIOUS	General Studies, Minor, and/or Elective Requirements	12
	TOTAL	16

6th Semester (Spring):

MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
VARIOUS	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	9
	TOTAL	13

7th Semester (Fall):

MUS 38xx	Ensemble (World) (*Note 3)	1
MUS ELEC	Upper-Division Elective in Music Theory, Lit, History or Pedagogy	3
VARIOUS	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	9
	TOTAL	13

8th Semester (Spring):

MUS 4030	Senior Seminar	1
MUS 4950	Senior Project	3
VARIOUS	Minor and/or Elective Requirements	6
VARIOUS	General Studies, Minor and/or Elective Requirements	5
	TOTAL	15

A minor is required for the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree.

*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. See reverse.

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

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Course Listing

Core Requirements for All Music Majors

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (2 semesters)	0
MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I*	1
MUS 162B	Class Piano II*	1
MUS 171x	Private Instruction I	2
MUS 172x	Private Instruction II	2
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1
MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 3210	Music History I	3
MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (World)	1

*Students whose primary instrument is piano must substitute MUS 261B and 262B, Class Piano III and IV.

Specific Degree Requirements

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (2 additional semesters)	0
MUS 1210	Intro to Musical Styles and Research	2
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 271x	Private Instruction III	2
MUS 272x	Private Instruction IV	2
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar	1
MUS 4950	Senior Project	3
MUS ELEC	Upper-division elective in Music Theory, History, Literature or Pedagogy	3

Ensembles 6

General Studies 33

Unrestricted Electives 35

Unrestricted Electives could be a formal minor, or another set of courses. It is strongly recommended that students work with their advisor to complete this part of their degree.

Ensemble Requirements for Bachelor of Arts in Music Majors

Primary Instrument: Jazz

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3828 Jazz Ensemble OR	
MUS 3829 Jazz Combo	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Primary Instrument: Classical or Music Theatre Voice

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3820 Chorale OR	
MUS 3821 University Treble Choir OR	
MUS 3822 University Basso Choir	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Primary Instrument: Woodwinds, Brass, or Percussion

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3824 Symphonic Band OR	
MUS 3825 Wind Ensemble	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Primary Instrument: Strings

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3817 String Sinfonietta OR	
MUS 3827 Symphony Orchestra	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Primary Instrument: Classical Guitar

Major Ensemble: 3830 Guitar Ensemble	5
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Primary Instrument: Piano or Organ

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3817 String Sinfonietta OR	
MUS 3820 Chorale OR	
MUS 3821 University Treble Choir OR	
MUS 3822 University Basso Choir OR	
MUS 3824 Symphonic Band OR	
MUS 3825 Wind Ensemble OR	
MUS 3827 Symphony Orchestra	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	