

MUSIC at MSU DENVER

Advising Information Catalog Year 2025-2026

Bachelor of Music Jazz and American Improvised Music Performance Major

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 171x	Private Instruction I	2
MUS 2030	JAIM Musicianship	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (*Note 2)	1
COM xxxx	Communication General Studies	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
	<i>Performance Audition should be scheduled at jury examination time.</i>	
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MTH 1xxx	General Studies Math Requirement	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Composition: Research, Analysis and Documentation	3
	TOTAL	16

3rd Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 1060	Basic Music Production	2
MUS 161x	Class Instruction I (Secondary Perf. Area) (*Note 3)	1
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1
MUS 273x	Performance III	3
	<i>Performance Audition must have been passed.</i>	
MUS 3020	History of Jazz	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	World Music Ensemble (*Note 4)	1
	TOTAL	14

4th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 162x	Class Instruction II (Secondary Perf. Area)	1
MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 2450	Jazz Improvisation I	1
MUS 274x	Performance IV	3
MUS 3030	Traditional American Improvised Styles	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
	TOTAL	16

5th Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2150	Jazz Theory (*Note 5)	3
MUS 3070	Songwriting	2
MUS 3210	Music History I	3
MUS 373x	Performance V	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
	TOTAL	13

6th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3160	Jazz Composition and Arranging (*Note 5)	1
MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 374x	Performance VI	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
	TOTAL	15

7th Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 473x	Performance VII	3
MUS 4800	Repertoire Seminar	2
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
	TOTAL	16

8th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 4350	Jazz Pedagogy	2
MUS 474x	Performance VIII (Senior Recital Performance)	3
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
	TOTAL	14

*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 Class Voice I/II, Class Guitar I/II, Class Piano III/IV, or Private Instruction I in a secondary area (audition required).

*Note 4: Fulfilled by MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble, MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble, or MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble.

*Note 5: Offered every other year.

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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

Secondary Performance Area

Select two hours from one of the following areas:

MUS 161A	Class Voice I	1
MUS 162A	Class Voice II	1
MUS 161K	Class Guitar I	1
MUS 162K	Class Guitar II	1
MUS 261B	Class Piano III	1
MUS 262B	Class Piano IV	1
MUS 171x	Private Instruction I	2

Specific Degree Requirements

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (6 additional semesters)	0
MUS 1060	Basic Music Production	2
MUS 1210	Intro to Musical Styles and Research	2
MUS 2030	JAIM Musicianship	1
MUS 2150	Jazz Theory*	3
MUS 2450	Jazz Improvisation I	1
MUS 273x	Performance III	3
MUS 274x	Performance IV	3
MUS 3030	Traditional American Improvised Styles	3
MUS 3020	History of Jazz	3
MUS 3070	Songwriting	2
MUS 3160	Jazz Composition and Arranging	1
MUS 373x	Performance V	3
MUS 374x	Performance VI	3
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar	1
MUS 4350	Jazz Pedagogy	2
MUS 473x	Performance VII	3
MUS 474x	Performance VIII (Senior Recital Performance)	3
MUS 4800	Seminar in Music Repertoire	2

*Offered every other year.

Ensembles 12

General Electives 2

General Studies 33

Ensemble Requirements for Bachelor of Music, Jazz and American Improvised Music Performance Major

Major Ensemble (as assigned) 10
MUS 3828 Jazz Ensemble **OR**
MUS 3829 Jazz Combo

Chamber Music Ensemble 2
MUS 3816 Early Music Ensemble **OR**
MUS 3819 Chamber Music **OR**
MUS 3830 Guitar Ensemble **OR**
MUS 3831 Percussion Chamber Ensemble

World Ensemble 1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble **OR**
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble **OR**
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble