

MUSIC at MSU DENVER

Advising Information Catalog Year 2025-2026

Bachelor of Music Performance Major - Woodwind, Brass, Strings, and Percussion Concentrations

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
	<i>Performance Audition should be scheduled at jury examination time.</i>	
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MTH 1xxx	Quantitative Literacy Requirement	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Composition: Research, Analysis and Documentation	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 273x	Performance III	3
	<i>Performance Audition required.</i>	
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (World) (*Note 3)	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN ELEC	General Elective	3
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
	TOTAL	15

4th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 274x	Performance IV	3
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
GEN ELEC	General Elective	1
	TOTAL	15

5th Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3150	Arranging and Orchestration	2
MUS 3210	Music History I	3
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2
MUS 373x	Performance V	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
	TOTAL	15

6th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
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
CONC	Concentration Requirements (*Note 4)	1
	TOTAL	15

7th Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 473x	Performance VII	3
MUS 4800	Repertoire Seminar	2
MUS ELEC	Upper Division Elective in Music	3
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
CONC	Concentration Requirements (*Note 4)	1
GEN ELEC	General Elective	2
	TOTAL	16

8th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar	1
MUS 474x	Performance VIII (Senior Recital Performance)	3
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
GEN ELEC	General Elective	3
	TOTAL	13

*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.

*Note 4: For the concentration requirement, students are required to take either MUS 3410 String Techniques and Ped., MUS 3430 Woodwind Techniques and Ped., MUS 3450 Brass Techniques and Ped., **OR** MUS 3460 Percussion Techniques and Ped. **in addition** to a General Elective course. MUS 3410 and MUS 3430 are offered in fall semesters, while MUS 3450 and MUS 3460 re offered in Spring semesters.

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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

MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2
MUS 373x	Performance V	3
MUS 374x	Performance VI	3
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar	1
MUS 473x	Performance VII	3
MUS 474x	Performance VIII (Senior Recital Performance)	3
MUS 4800	Repertoire Seminar	2
Upper-division elective in Theory, History, Lit or Pedagogy		3
GEN ELEC	General Elective	1

Select one of the following courses:

MUS 3410	String Techniques and Pedagogy	1
MUS 3430	Woodwind Techniques and Pedagogy	1
MUS 3450	Brass Techniques and Pedagogy	1
MUS 3460	Percussion Techniques and Pedagogy	1

Specific Degree Requirements

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (6 additional semesters)	0
MUS 1210	Intro to Musical Styles and Research	2
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 273x	Performance III	3
MUS 274x	Performance IV	3
MUS 3150	Arranging and Orchestration	2

Ensembles 12

Additional General Electives 9

General Studies 33

Ensemble Requirements for Bachelor of Music, Performance Major - Woodwind, Brass, Strings, and Percussion Concentrations

Woodwind, Brass, or Percussion Concentrations

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	6
MUS 3824 Symphonic Band OR	
MUS 3825 Wind Ensemble	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	4
MUS 3827 Symphony Orchestra	2
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Strings Concentration

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	8
MUS 3817 String Sinfonietta OR	
MUS 3827 Symphony Orchestra	
MUS 3819 Chamber Music	4
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	