Music, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

In addition to the requirements listed under the checkpoints, all students must complete 2 s.h. in applied music and 1 s.h. in a major ensemble each semester.

The Bachelor of Arts in music requires at least 44 s.h. in School of Music courses.

Before the third semester begins: 15–18 s.h. of coursework in the major, including MUS:1201 Musicianship and Theory I, MUS:1202 Musicianship and Theory II, and if required, MUS:1211 Group Instruction in Piano I and MUS:1212 Group Instruction in Piano II.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least 23–32 s.h. of coursework in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least 33–41 s.h. of coursework in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least 40–46 s.h. of coursework in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course | Title | Hours
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Academic Career |  |
Any Semester | GE CLAS Core: Sustainability | 

First Year |  |
Fall |  |
Audition: Entering students who plan to major in music must be accepted into a performance area through audition before they register.
MUS:1200 Fundamentals of Music for Majors | 0
MUS:1201 Musicianship and Theory I | 4
MUS:1210 Recital Attendance | 1
MUS:1211 Group Instruction in Piano I | 1
Major: lower-level applied lessons | 2
Major: major ensemble | 1
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric | 3 - 4
CSL:1600 Success at Iowa | 2
Elective course | 1

Spring |  |
MUS:1202 Musicianship and Theory II | 4
MUS:1210 Recital Attendance | 1
MUS:1212 Group Instruction in Piano II | 1
Major: lower-level applied lessons | 2
Major: major ensemble | 1
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion | 3
Elective course | 1

Hours | 16-17

Second Year |  |
Fall |  |
Major: music history course | 3
Major: lower-level applied lessons | 2
Major: major ensemble | 1
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 16-17

Third Year |  |
Fall |  |
Major: musicianship elective course | 2 - 4
Major: major ensemble | 1
Major: performance elective | 1 - 2
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15-19

Fourth Year |  |
Fall |  |
Major: music elective course | 3
Major: major ensemble | 1
Major: performance elective | 1 - 2
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab $^g$ 4
Elective course $^f$ 3

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**Spring**

- Major: performance elective $^1$ 1 - 2
- Major: music elective course 3
- Major: major ensemble $^e$ 1
- GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences $^g$ 3
- Elective course $^f$ 3
- Elective course $^f$ 3
- Elective course $^f$ 1

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline
(typically in February for spring, September for fall) $^m$

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**Total Hours** 123-137

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a. Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b. This course is required for students enrolled in MUS:1201 who do not pass Placement Examination A.
c. Students must complete two semesters of MUS:1210.
d. Students must complete at least 4 s.h. in lower-level applied lessons.
e. Students must complete a minimum of four semesters of major ensemble.
f. Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
g. GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
h. Choose two courses from MUS:2301, MUS:2302, MUS:4350.
   Note: two GE CLAS Core requirements may be fulfilled by MUS:2301 and MUS:2302. Students who take MUS:4350 must complete an additional GE CLAS Core course that satisfies either the Historical Perspectives or the Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts requirement.
i. Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
j. Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
k. If not completed with a MUS course, MUS:1009, MUS:1720, MUS:2311 fulfill the GE CLAS Core Values and Culture requirement.
l. Students must complete at least 6 s.h. in performance electives.
m. Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.