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 a minimum of 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 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, visit MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability [a]		
	Hours	**0**
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 [b]	3
MUS:1201	Musicianship and Theory I	4
MUS:1210	Recital Attendance [c]	1
MUS:1211	Group Instruction in Piano I	1
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [d]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
	Hours	**16-17**
Spring		
MUS:1202	Musicianship and Theory II	4
MUS:1210	Recital Attendance [c]	1
MUS:1212	Group Instruction in Piano II	1
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [d]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives [f]		3
Elective course [g]		1
	Hours	**16-17**
Second Year		
Fall		
Major Elective: music history course [h, i]		3
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [d]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
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	Hours	**16-17**
Spring		
Major Elective: music history course [h, i]		3
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [d]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society [f, k]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
	Hours	**16-17**
Third Year		
Fall		
Major Elective: musicianship elective course		2 - 4
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
Major Elective: performance elective [l]		1 - 2
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		1
	Hours	**15-19**
Spring		
Major Elective: musicianship elective course		2 - 4
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
Major Elective: performance elective [l]		1 - 2
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		1
	Hours	**15-19**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Major Elective: music elective course		3
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]		1
Major Elective: performance elective [l]		1 - 2

GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues [f]	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab [f]	4
Elective course [g]	3
Hours	**15-16**

Spring

Major Elective: performance elective [l]	1 - 2
Major Elective: music elective course	3
Major Elective: major ensemble [e]	1
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences [f]	3
Elective course [g]	3
Elective course [g]	3
Elective course [g]	1
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) [m]	
Hours	**15-16**
Total Hours	**124-138**

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 or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.

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 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.

g Students may use elective courses to earn credit toward the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

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 levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.

k If not completed with a MUS course. MUS:1009, MUS:1720, MUS:2311 fulfill the GE CLAS Core Values and Society requirement.

l Students must complete at least 6 s.h. in performance electives.

m Please see Academic Calendar, on 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 Degree Services.