Music, BM

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 Four-Year Graduation Plan is not available for music therapy and music education students.

Students may apply more than 56 s.h. earned in School of Music courses toward the minimum 120 s.h. required for the BM degree.

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

Before the fifth semester begins: at least 34 s.h. of coursework in the major, including MUS:2203 Musicianship and Theory III, and MUS:2204 Musicianship and Theory IV.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least 50 s.h. of coursework in the major and 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least 56 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
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 [d]	1
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [e]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble		1 - 2
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
	Hours	**16-18**
Spring		
MUS:1202	Musicianship and Theory II	4
MUS:1210	Recital Attendance [c]	1
MUS:1212	Group Instruction in Piano II [d]	1
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [e]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble		1 - 2
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives [f]		3
	Hours	**15-17**
Second Year		
Fall		
MUS:1210	Recital Attendance [c]	1
MUS:2203	Musicianship and Theory III	4
MUS:3625	Techniques of Conducting	2
Major Elective: music concentration area or music elective course		1
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [e]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble		1 - 2
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
	Hours	**18-20**
Spring		
MUS:1210	Recital Attendance [c]	1
MUS:2204	Musicianship and Theory IV	4
Major Elective: diverse musical cultures course [h]		3
Major Elective: music concentration area or music elective course		1 - 3
Major Elective: lower-level applied lessons [e]		2
Major Elective: major ensemble		1 - 2
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
	Hours	**16-20**
Third Year		
Fall		
MUS:2301	History of Western Music I [i]	3
Major Elective: music concentration area or music elective course		1 - 3
Major Elective: major ensemble		1 - 2
Major Elective: theory-based course		3
Major Elective: upper-level applied lessons [j]		2
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
	Hours	**14-18**
Spring		
MUS:2302	History of Western Music II [i]	3
Major Elective: major ensemble		1 - 2
Major Elective: music elective course		3
Major Elective: upper-level applied lessons		2
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society [f, k]		3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course [g]	4 - 5
Hours	**16-18**

Fourth Year

Fall

Major Elective: major ensemble	1 - 2
Major Elective: music elective course	2 - 4
Major Elective: upper-level applied lessons	2
Major Elective: music elective course or elective course if music electives have been met	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues [f]	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab [f]	4
Hours	**15-18**

Spring

MUS:4900 Senior Recital [l]	1
Major Elective: upper-level applied lessons	2
Major Elective: major ensemble	1 - 2
Major Elective: music elective courses	3 - 4
Major Elective: music elective course or elective course if music electives have been met	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab [f]	3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences [f]	3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) [m]	
Hours	**16-18**
Total Hours	**126-147**

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 take MUS:1210 for four semesters.

d Unless excused by exam.

e A maximum of six semesters (12 s.h.) in lower-level applied instruction is allowed.

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 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.

h See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.

i Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

j Readiness for upper-level applied music is determined by a jury examination in the area.

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

l Students must achieve upper-level status before they may present their senior recital.

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.