



Music Education Piano, B.M. Concentration in Piano Performance

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)
Department of Music, Theatre, & Dance
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This is a sample schedule of all general education, CAS Exploratory, and major requirements for this degree in a 4-year plan.
The below plan is based on WRT 1060: Composition I Writing Placement

Semester One Fall (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUS 1330: Foundations for Collegiate Musicians	1	C		
MUA 1002: Piano	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	MUE 4001 suggested. Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in a large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 1330: Music of World Cultures	3	C	Prerequisite: MUS 1212 or MUS 1214	MUS 1331 & 1332 are not sequential.
MUS 1212: Music Theory I	3	C	MUS 1211, or placement exam	Corequisite with MUS 1213
MUS 1213: Aural Skills I	1	C	MUS 1211, or placement exam	Corequisite with MUS 1212
MUS 1178: Piano Technique Seminar	1	C		
MUS 1161: Vocal Techniques for Instrumentalists I (or 1160 by placement for 2 credits)	1	C	Music majors only	Placement audition determines sequence.
WRT 1050: Composition I	4	C	WRT 1020 with a grade of C or higher; placement	Prerequisite to subsequent Writing Foundation General Education course
CAS 1000: CAS Advantage - Freshman Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Two Winter (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 1002: Piano	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 1331: History and Literature of Western Tonal Music	3	C	Prerequisite: with MUS 1212 and MUS 1213	Major and General Education Arts course.
MUS 1214: Music Theory II	3	C	MUS 1212 and MUS 1213 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 1215
MUS 1215: Aural Skills II	1	C	MUS 1212 and MUS 1213 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 1214
MUS 1162: Vocal Techniques for Instrumentalists II (or 1060 by placement)	2	C		Placement audition determines sequence.
WRT 1060: Composition II	4	B	WRT 1050 with grade of C or higher; placement	Prerequisite to subsequent Writing Intensive courses
CAS 1001: CAS Advantage - Freshman Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Three Fall (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 2002: Piano	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 2212: Music Theory III	3	C	MUS 1214 and MUS 1215 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 2213
MUS 2213: Aural Skills III	1	C	MUS 1214 and MUS 1215 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 2212
MUS 3331: History and Literature of Medieval and Renaissance Music	3	C	MUS 1331, MUS 1214, MUS 1215, WRT 1060	Writing Intensive in the Major
MUS 3173: Keyboard Skills for the Piano Major I	2	C		
MUS 2440: Learning and Teaching Music	1	B	MUS 1331 & 1332; MUS 1214 & 1215; WRT 1060	
MUA 1000 or 2000 Voice	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept	Placement audition determines sequence.
CAS 2000: CAS Advantage - Sophomore Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Four Winter (17 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 2002: Piano	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 2214: Music Theory IV	3	C	MUS 2212 and MUS 2213	Corequisite with MUS 2215
MUS 2215: Aural Skills IV	1	C	MUS 2212 and MUS 2213	Corequisite with MUS 2214
MUS 3332: History and Literature of Western Music from Ca. 1850 to the Present	3	C	MUS 1331, MUS 1214, MUS 1215, WRT 1060	Writing Intensive in the Major
MUS 3174: Keyboard Skills for the Piano Major II	2	C		
MUS 2441: Educational Psychology and Music Learning	3	B	MUS 2440	
MUA 1000 or 2000 Voice	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept	Placement audition determines sequence.
CAS 2001: CAS Advantage - Sophomore Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Five Summer (12 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
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Semester Six Fall (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 3002: Piano	4	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 4505: Piano Repertoire I	2	C	Permission of instructor	Please consult the schedule of courses and your advisor for course rotation.
MUS 3171: Accompanying for the Non-pianist I	2	C	MUS 2172 or departmental override given	
MUS 3581: Conducting I	2	B	MUS 2214, MUS 2215	
MUS 3441: Elementary General Music Methods	3	B	MUS 2441	
MUS 4163: Diction for Singers I	2	C		
CAS 3000: CAS Advantage - Junior Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Seven Winter (17 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 3002: Piano	4	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 2420: Instrumental Techniques for Choral Majors	2	B		Offered in Winter
Improving (or Composing) Skills	1	C	Prerequisites vary by choice	Choose from MUE 4015, 4040, 4041, 4042, 4045, 4046; MUS 3601
MUS 3582: Conducting II	2	B	MUS 3581	
MUS 4506: Choral Methods	3	B	MUS 3441, 3332, MUS 2214, 2215 and major standing in music education	
MUS 4506: Piano Repertoire II	2	C	MUS 4505	Please consult the schedule of courses and your advisor for course rotation.
MUS 4164: Diction for Singers II	2	C	MUS 4163	
CAS 3001: CAS Advantage - Junior Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Eight Fall (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 4002: Piano	4	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	Student may also postpone this lesson to next semester and substitute a Gen Ed.
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 4541: Piano Pedagogy I	2	C	Permission of instructor	Please consult the schedule of courses and your advisor for course rotation.
MUS 4401: Instrumental Methods I for Choral Majors	1	B	MUS 3441, MUS 2214, MUS 2215 and major standing in music education	
MUS 4434: Teaching Music to Learners with Exceptionalities	4	B	MUS 2441 with a grade of B or higher	May be taken this summer or next.
MUS History or Theory elective	4	C	MUS 2214, MUS 2215. Others may vary with choice.	Choose from MUS 3211, 3212, 4210, 4320, 4323, 4330
CAS 4000: CAS Advantage - Senior Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Nine Winter (17 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
Improving (or Composing) Skills	1	C	Prerequisites vary by choice	Choose from MUE 4015, 4040, 4041, 4042, 4045, 4046; MUS 3601
MUS 4431: Teaching Music in the 21st Century I	3	B	Major standing in music education	
RDG 4238: Teaching Reading in the Content Areas	4	B	Admission to secondary education program or permission of instructor	Offered Winter semester.
Language 1400	4	C	Major and General Education Language	
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
CAS 4001: CAS Advantage - Senior Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information
Semester Ten Fall (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 4506: Senior Recital	4	C	At least one semester of 4000 level applied study	Major and University Capstone
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in large ensemble every semester of major.
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
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Semester Eleven Winter (12 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUS 4502: Internship in Secondary Education	12	B	Admission to the internship.	Major and University Capstone
Sample Schedule Notes:				
MUS 1331 and MUS 1332 are not sequential, and the two courses may be taken in either order.				
Enrollment in MUS 1160 or MUS 1161 is by placement audition. Students placing into MUS 1160 take the following 8-credit sequence: MUS 1160, MUA 1000 and two semesters of MUA 2000.				
Students placing into MUS 1161 take the following 7-credit sequence: MUS 1161, MUS 1162 and two semesters of MUA 1000.				
Application for music education major standing takes place upon completion of all freshman and sophomore coursework including a successful performance portion of the major standing requirement.				
Students who are deferred may not continue in the music education course sequence until the performance portion is successfully completed.				
Students who are denied may not continue in the music education course sequence.				

CAS Exploratory Requirement		
Students completing the Bachelor of Music, Music Education & Performance, Voice major are exempt from the College Exploratory requirement.		
Degree Requirements	Credits	Note
General Education	35	MUS 1331 & Language 1140 count in the major and as Arts and Language Gen Ed. WRT 1050 is included.
Diversity	Included	Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area.
WMWVGE/Capstone	Included	Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area.
CAS Exploratory Requirement	Exempt	
Major	129	
Electives	0	
	Total Credits:	164