



Piano Performance, B.M. Concentration in Music Composition

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 1050: Composition I** Writing Placement

Semester One Fall (15 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 1332: Music of World Cultures	3	C	Pre/Corequisite: MUS 1212 or 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 1175: Piano Technique Seminar	1	C	Music majors only	
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 (18 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	MUE 4001 suggested. Choose from MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4029, or 4031. Must enroll in a large ensemble every semester of major.
MUS 1331: History and Literature of Western Tonal Music	3	C	Pre/Corequisite: MUS 1212 and MUS 1213	Major and General Education Arts course.
MUS 1214: Music Theory II	3	C	Music 1212 and MUS 1213 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 1215
MUS 1215: Aural Skills II	1	C	Music 1212 and MUS 1213 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 1214
WRT 1060: Composition II	4	C	WRT 1050 with grade of C or higher; placement	Prerequisite to subsequent Writing Intensive courses
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
CAS 1001: CAS Advantage - Freshman Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information

Semester Three Fall (18 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 2002: Piano	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
MUA 1080 Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	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 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		Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
CAS 2000: CAS Advantage - Sophomore Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information

Semester Four Winter (18 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 2002: Piano	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
MUA 2080 Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	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 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 3173	Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
CAS 2001: CAS Advantage - Sophomore Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information

Semester Five Fall (14 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 3002: Piano	4	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
MUA 3080 Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	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.
Chamber Music Ensemble (MUE 4080)	1	C	Permission of instructor	Must enroll in chamber music 3 times for a total of 3 credits.
MUS 4555: Piano Repertoire I	2	C	Permission of instructor	Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
MUS 3175: Accompanying for Piano Majors	2	C		Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
MUS 3581: Conducting I	2	C	MUS 2214, MUS 2215	
CAS 3000: CAS Advantage - Junior Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information

Semester Six Winter (15 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 3002: Piano	4	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
MUA 3080 Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	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 2701 Creative Composition I (or other Music Composition elective)	2	C	Prerequisite varies with choice	Choose two of these three options: MUS 2701, 2702, or 4701
MUS 4556: Piano Repertoire II	2	C	MUS 4555	Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog
CAS 3001: CAS Advantage - Junior Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information

Semester Seven Summer (12 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
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Semester Eight Fall (16 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 4002: Piano	4	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	
MUA 4080 Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	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.
Chamber Music Ensemble (MUE 4080)	1	C	Permission of instructor	Must enroll in chamber music 3 times for a total of 3 credits.
MUS 2702 Creative Composition II (or other Music Composition elective)	2	C	MUS 2701	Choose two of these three options: MUS 2701, 2702, or 4701
MUS 4541: Piano Pedagogy I	2	C	Permission of instructor	Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
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. MUS 3211, 3212, and 4210 will double count towards the Music Composition Concentration elective
CAS 4000: CAS Advantage - Senior Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information

Semester Nine Winter (14 Credit Hours)				
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
MUA 4998: Senior Recital	4	C	At least one semester of 4000 level applied study	Major and University Capstone
MUA 4080 Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	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.
Chamber Music Ensemble (MUE 4080)	1	C	Permission of instructor	Must enroll in chamber music 3 times for a total of 3 credits.
MUS 4542: Piano Pedagogy II	2	C	MUS 4541	Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation.
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

Sample Schedule Notes:				
MUS 1331 and MUS 1332 are not sequential, and the two courses may be taken in either order.				
Please consult the schedule of courses and your adviser for course rotation (MUS 3175, MUS 4541, MUS 4542, MUS 4555, and MUS 4556).				
15 minute sophomore recital and 25 minute junior recital are required.				

CAS Exploratory Requirement				
Students completing the Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance major are exempt from the College Exploratory requirement.				

Degree Requirements	Credits	Note
General Education	39	MUS 1331 in the major counts as an Arts Gen Ed. WRT 1050 is also included.
Diversity	Included	Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area
WIM/WIGE/Capstone	Included	Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area
CAS Exploratory Requirement	Exempt	
Major	106	
Total Credits:	145	