



Music, B.A. 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.
This plan is based on WRT 1080: Composition I Writing Placement.

Semester One Fall (16 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
MUS 1330: Foundations for Collegiate Musicians	1	C	Music majors only		
Applied Lesson 1000 level	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	MUA 1000-level. Voice majors take MUS 1160 for 2 credits and MUA 1000 for 1 credit.	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
MUS 1332: Music of World Cultures	3	C	Pre/Corequisite: 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 1171: Keyboard Technique I	2	C	Music majors only	Corequisite with MUS 1212. Pianists take alternative MUA elective.	
WRT 1080: 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 (15 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Applied Lesson 1000 level	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	MUA 1000-level	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
MUS 1331: History and Literature of Western Tonal Music	3	C	Pre/Corequisite 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. Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215 to move on to MUA 1080.	
MUS 1215: Aural Skills II	1	C	MUS 1212 and MUS 1213 (or placement exam)	Corequisite with MUS 1214. Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215 to move on to MUA 1080.	
MUS 1172: Keyboard Technique II	2	C	MUS 1171	Corequisite with MUS 1214. Pianists take alternative MUA elective.	
WRT 1080: Composition II	4	C	WRT 1080 with grade of C or higher; placement	Prerequisite to subsequent Writing Foundation General Education course.	
CAS 1001: CAS Advantage - Freshman Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information	
Semester Three Fall (14 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Applied Lesson 2000 level	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	Single instrument or voice	
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	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
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 1080	Writing Intensive in the Major	
MUS 2171: Keyboard Technique III	2	Passing	MUS 1172 and MUS 1214	Free elective suggested by the Music department. Not a part of the major.	
CAS 2000: CAS Advantage - Sophomore Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information	
Semester Four Winter (14 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Applied Lesson 2000 level	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	Single instrument or voice	
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	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
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 3331, MUS 1214, MUS 1215, WRT 1080	Writing Intensive in the Major	
MUS 2172: Keyboard Technique IV	2	Passing	MUS 2171	Free elective suggested by the Music department. Not a part of the major.	
CAS 2001: CAS Advantage - Sophomore Leadership and Professional Skills Development II	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information	
Semester Five Fall (16 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Applied Lesson 3000 level	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	Single instrument or voice	
MUA 3080: Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215		
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
Music Theory Elective	4	C	MUS 2214, MUS 2215	Choose from MUS 3211, 3212, 4010, 4210	
Language 1140	4	Passing		Prerequisite to language 1150 or higher requirement	
General Education Category	4	Passing	Prerequisite varies with choice	General Education in Course Catalog	
CAS 3000: CAS Advantage - Junior Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information	
Semester Six Winter (16 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Applied Lesson 3000 level	2	C	MUA applied lessons require permission of dept.	Single instrument or voice	
MUA 3080: Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215		
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
Language 1150	4	C	Language 1140 or placement		
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog	
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 Fall (16 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Large Ensemble (MUE)	1	C	Some require audition	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
MUA 4080: Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215		
Music 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	
General Education Category	4	Passing		General Education in Course Catalog	
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CAS 4000: CAS Advantage - Senior Leadership and Professional Skills Development I	0	Passing		CAS Advantage Information	
Semester Eight Winter (14 Credit Hours)					
Course	Credits	Minimum Grade	Prerequisites	Notes	
Music Capstone	4	C	MUS 2214, MUS 2215. Others vary with choice	Choose from MUS 4320, 4323, 4330	
MUA 4080: Composition	2	C	Composition majors must average a 3.5 or higher in MUS 1214 & 1215		
Large Ensemble (MUE)	0	C	Some require audition	Must enroll in an ensemble that uses the primary performance area every semester of major (minimum of 4 times for credits). MUE 4001, 4004, 4019, 4020, 4029, or 4031.	
General Education Category	4	Passing	Some require audition	General Education in Course Catalog	
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.					
CAS Exploratory is typically satisfied by MUA courses in the major.					
CAS Exploratory Requirement					
In addition to satisfying the university-wide general education requirements, all students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to complete at least three courses outside of their major rubric, for a minimum of 12 credits.					
A student may select these courses from either of the following. A single rubric of their choosing (e.g., 1487) within the College of Arts and Sciences. A predefined thematic set of courses identified on the College of Arts and Sciences website.					
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Degree Requirements		Credits/Notes			
General Education		40	Multiple General Education courses are fulfilled with courses in the Major to reach the 40 required credits		
University		Included	Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area.		
WUWVUE/Capstone		Included	Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area.		
CAS Exploratory Requirement		Included	Major courses also fulfill this area.		
Major		76			
Electives		4			
Total Credits:		120			