

KU B.A. Music Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts in Music provides rigorous musical training within a broad, interdisciplinary education, perfect for students with diverse interests. With expert faculty, personalized instruction, and abundant performance opportunities, students refine their musical skills and explore music's broader cultural context.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Perform with competence as soloist and ensemble members.
2. Identify, define, and engage the elements of music in sound and notation.
3. Describe current practices and historical trends in music.

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Music is 2.0. Piano proficiency is required. Students who take FYSM 100: Finding Your Voice do not need to and may not take MUSC 116 for credit towards graduation.

Required Music Core Courses – 17 credits

All courses in this section require a C or better.

- MUSC 101 Aural Skills I (2 credits)
- MUSC 102 Harmony & Theory I (3 credits)
- MUSC 201 Aural Skills II (2 credits)
- MUSC 202 Harmony & Theory II (3 credits)
- MUSC 213 Aural Skills III (2 credits)
- MUSC 214 Harmony & Theory III (3 credits)
- MUSC 325 Conducting (2 credits)

Music Literature– 6 credits

All courses in this section require a C or better.

- MUSC 311 Music Ancient Times to 1750 (3 credits)
- MUSC 312 Music from 1750 to Present (3 credits)

Applied Music Courses – 16 credits

Students must achieve a C or better in the Major Performance area to continue as a Music Major. (Students participating in the senior recital need 7 credits of applied lessons. Students choosing an Independent Study or Field Experience only need 5 credit hours of applied lessons).

Private Instruction – 5-7 credits

- MUPF 236 Applied Music: French Horn (1 credit)
- MUPF 237 Applied Music: Piano (1 credit)
- MUPF 238 Applied Music: Organ (1 credit)
- MUPF 239 Applied Music: Voice (1 credit)
- MUPF 240 Applied Music: Viola (1 credit)
- MUPF 241 Applied Music: Cello (1 credit)
- MUPF 242 Applied Music: String Bass (1 credit)
- MUPF 243 Applied Music: Flute (1 credit)
- MUPF 244 Applied Music: Oboe (1 credit)
- MUPF 245 Applied Music: Clarinet (1 credit)
- MUPF 246 Applied Music: Bassoon (1 credit)
- MUPF 247 Applied Music: Saxophone (1 credit)

MUPF 248 Applied Music: Trumpet (1 credit)
MUPF 249 Applied Music: Violin (1 credit)
MUPF 250 Applied Music: Baritone Horn/Trombone (1 credit)
MUPF 252 Applied Music: Tuba (1 credit)
MUPF 253 Applied Music: Percussion (1 credit)
MUPF 254 Applied Music: Guitar (1 credit)
MUPF 277 Studio Performance Seminar (1 credit)

Large Ensemble in Major Area – 6 credits

MUPF 281 University Band (1 credit)
MUPF 282 University Marching Band (1 credit)
MUPF 283 University Choir (1 credit)
MUPF 285 University Orchestra (1 credit)
MUPF 289 Large Jazz Ensemble (1 credit)

Small Ensemble in Major Area – 2 credits

MUPF 230 Chamber Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 231 String Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 232 Woodwind Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 233 Brass Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 234 Percussion Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 235 Vocal Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 275 Jazz Combo (1 credit)
MUPF 276 Popular Music Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 287 New Music Ensemble (1 credit)

Choose one – 1-3 credits

MUPF 399 Senior Recital (1 credit) – *Requires a C or better.*
MUSC 391 Field Experience in Music (3 credits) – *Requires a C or better.*
MUSC 399 Independent Study in Music (3 credits) – *Requires a C or better.*

Music Elective – 3 credits

Select one advanced MUSC course:

MUSC 194 French German and Italian Diction for Musicians (3 credits)
MUSC 199 Songwriting (3 credits)
MUSC 205 The Physical Properties of Sound: Music and Music Reproduction (3 credits)
MUSC 209 Women in Music (3 credits)
MUSC 215 American Popular Music (3 credits)
MUSC 225 Jazz: Its History and Influence (3 credits)
MUSC 228 The History of American Musical Theatre (3 credits)
MUSC 230 Introduction to Music Technology (3 credits)
MUSC 292 Audio Engineering I (3 credits)
MUSC 293 Hip-Hop Music and Culture (3 credits)
MUSC 294 Sound Design for Visual Media (3 credits)
MUSC 295 Artist Management and Touring (3 credits)
MUSC 296 Live Audio Production (3 credits)
MUSC 303 Electric Music Composition (3 credits)
MUSC 310 Composition and Arranging (3 credits)
MUSC 315 Audio Engineering II (3 credits)
MUSC 391 Field Experience in Music (3 credits)
MUSC 399 Independent Study: Music (3 credits)
MUSC 450 Performing Arts Administration (3 credits)

University Electives – 36 credits

Select any university course between 1-4 credits, totaling 36 credits.

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B.A. Music Major Check Sheet

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Music is 2.0. Piano proficiency is required.

Required Music Core Courses – 17 credits

All courses in this section require a minimum C grade

MUSC 101 Aural Skills I	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 102 Harmony and Theory I	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 201 Aural Skills II	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 202 Harmony and Theory II	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 213 Aural Skills III	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 214 Harmony and Theory III	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 325 Conducting (Vocal and Instrumental)	2 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	17 total credits	

Music Literature – 6 credits

All courses in this section require a minimum C grade

MUSC 311 Music from Ancient Times to 1750	3 credit	Grade:
MUSC 312 Music from 1750 to Present	3 credit	Grade:
Total Credits	6 total credits	

Applied Music Courses – 16 credits

Students must achieve a C or better in the Major Performance Area to continue as a Music Major. (Students participating in the senior recital need 7 credits of applied lessons. Students choosing Field Experience or an Independent Study only need 5 credit hours of applied lessons).

Private Instruction – 7 credits		
MUPF: Private Instruction	1 credit	Grade:
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Large Ensemble in Major Area – 6 credits		
MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 credit	Grade:
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MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 credit	Grade:
Small Ensemble in Major Area – 2 credits		
MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 credit	Grade:
Choose One – 1-3 credits		
MUPF 399 Senior Recital	1 credit	Grade:
MUSC 391 Field Experience in Music	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 399 Independent Study in Music	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	16 total credits	

KU Music Major 8-Semester Planner

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

Each semester listed below provides information including course categories, typical credit hours (CH.), and space to add specific course selections. This planner is only a suggested path. Consult with your program advisor regarding your unique plans and interests as you make choices about your schedule.

First Semester Plan

Gen Ed	FYSM 100	3 CH.	FYSM100 -
Gen Ed	Category A3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B, <i>Suggested: ECON 10</i>	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 101	2 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 102	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Total		16 CH.	

Second Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A1	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C2	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 201	2 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 202	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		16 CH.	

Third Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category C1	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 213	2 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 214	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		16 CH.	

Fourth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category C3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 325	2 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		16 CH.	

Fifth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A2	3 CH.	COMP 2
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 311	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Sixth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 312	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Seventh Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Eighth Semester Plan

Major	MUPF 399 or MUSC 391 or MUSC 399	1-3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	Music Elective MUSC	3 CH.	MUSC:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		14-16 CH.	

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