

B.A. Commercial Music Requirements

A track in Commercial Music Studies will prepare students who wish to pursue careers in recording studios, arts administration, performance of popular music, and other positions in the music industry. The program is comprised of a combination of mentoring from renowned artists/teachers, small class sizes, diverse commercial performance opportunities, and a well-rounded academic curriculum

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.
4. Demonstrate technology-based skills used in the music industry.
5. Describe the management and operating systems of the music industry.

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Commercial 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 – 15 credits

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 308 Jazz and Commercial Arranging (2 credits)
MUSC 195 Music in Human Experience (3 credits)

Required Commercial Core Courses – 15 credits

MUSC 121 Fundamentals of Music Business (3 credits)
MUSC 215 American Popular Music (3 credits)
MUSC 292 Audio Engineering I (3 credits)
MUSC 450 Performing Arts Administration (3 credits)
MUSC 391 Field Experience in Music (3 credits)

Applied Music Courses – 12 credits

Private Instruction – 5 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)

Large Ensemble in Major Area – 4 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 – 3 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 251 Recorder Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 275 Jazz Combo (1 credit)
MUPF 276 Popular Music Ensemble (1 credit)
MUPF 287 New Music Ensemble (1 credit)

University Electives – 36 credits

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

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B.A. Commercial 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.

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Required Music Core Courses – 15 credits

<i>All courses in this section require a minimum C grade</i>		
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 308 Jazz and Commercial Arranging	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 195 Music in Human Experience	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	15 total credits	

Required Commercial Music Core Courses – 15 credits

<i>All courses in this section require a minimum C grade</i>		
MUSC 121 Fundamentals of Music Business	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 215 American Popular Music	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 292 Audio Engineering I	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 450 Performing Arts Administration	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 391 Field Experience in Music	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	15 total credits	

Applied Music Courses – 12 credits

<i>All private instruction require a minimum C grade and a minimum C grade is required in the major performance area to continue as a music major.</i>		
Private Instruction – 5 credits		
MUPF: Major Performance Area	1 credit	Grade:
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MUPF: Major Performance Area	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Major Performance Area	1 credit	Grade:
Large Ensemble in Major Area – 4 credits		
MUPF: Large Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Large Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Large Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Large Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
Small Ensemble – 3 credits		
MUPF: Small Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Small Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
MUPF: Small Ensemble in Major Area	1 credit	Grade:
Total Credits	12 total credits	

University Electives – 36 credits

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Total Credits	36 total credits	

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Total credits from major courses	42
Total credits from general education program	42
Total credits from free electives	36
Minimum total credits to graduate	120
Minimum overall GPA	2.0
Minimum GPA in major program	2.0
Piano Proficiency	PASS

Additional Notes:

Students need to earn a C or better in the following courses to continue in the major:

- *Music Core Courses (MUSC 101: Aural Skills I, MUSC 102: Harmony & Theory I, MUSC 201: Aural Skills II, MUSC 202: Harmony & Theory II, MUSC 308: Jazz and Commercial Arranging, and MUSC 195: Music in Human Experience)*
- *Commercial Music Core (MUSC 121: Fundamentals of Music Business, MUSC 215: American Popular Music, MUSC 292: Audio Engineering I, MUSC 450: Performing Arts Administration, MUSC 391: Field experience in Music)*
- *All private instruction lessons*

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KU Commercial Music 8-Semester Planner

Student Name:

Student ID:

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	FYSM 100:
Gen Ed	Category A3	3 CH	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	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	COMP 1
Gen Ed	Category C2	3 CH	Selection:
Major	MUSC 201	2 CH	Selection:
Major	MUSC 202	3 CH	Selection:
Major	MUSC: 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 D	3 CH	Selection:
Major	MUSC 121	3 CH	Selection:
Major	MUSC: Private Instruction	1 CH	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Fourth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 292	3 CH.	Selection:
Major / Elective	MUSC 308 or Elective	2-3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Total		16-17 CH	

Fifth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A2	3 CH.	Selection: COMP 2__
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 195	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC: Private Instruction	1 CH	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 CH	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Sixth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 215	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH	Selection:
Major / Elective	MUSC 308 <i>or</i> Elective	2-3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH	Selection:
Total		15-16 CH.	

Seventh Semester Plan

Major	MUSC 450	3 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:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH	Selection:
Total		16 CH.	

Eighth Semester Plan

Major	MUSC 391	3 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		12 CH.	

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