

B.A. Music Performance Requirements

The KU Music Performance emphasis is designed for students with an interest in performing, conducting, writing or teaching music outside of the public schools. The Music major with an emphasis in Music Performance provides preparation for students aspiring to take their place on the stage, to teach in private or community music settings, or to work collaboratively in the vast field of the performing arts.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Perform with competence as soloist and ensemble members and self-assess performance for continued improvement.
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 Performance 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 Performance Core Courses – 21 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 213 Aural Skills III (2 credits)

MUSC 310 Composition and Arranging (3 credits)

Choose either MUSC 195 & MUSC 215 or MUSC 311 & MUSC 312

Option A

MUSC 195 Music in Human Experience (3 credits) *and*

MUSC 215 American Popular Music (3 credits)

Option B

MUSC 311 Music from Ancient Times to 1750 (3 credits) *and*

MUSC 312 Music from 1750 to Present (3 credits)

Applied & Performance Music Core Courses – 21 credits

Private Instruction – 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 – 5 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)

Senior Recital – 1 credit

MUPF 399 Senior Recital (1 credit)

Supportive Performance Courses – 2 credits

MUPF 277 Studio Performance Seminar (1 credit)

Select one of the following course offerings.

MUSC 302 The Modern Private Music Teacher (1 credit) or MUSC 304 The Professional Classical Musician (1 credit) or MUSC 305 The Professional Jazz Musician (1 credit)

University Electives – 36 credits

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

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B.A. Music Performance 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 – 21 credits

<i>All courses in this section require a minimum C grade</i>		
MUSC 101 Aural Skills I	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 102 Harmony & Theory I	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 201 Aural Skills II	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 202 Harmony & Theory II	3 credits	Grade:
MUSC 213 Aural Skills III	2 credits	Grade:
MUSC 310 Composition and Arranging	3 credits	Grade:
<i>Choose either MUSC 195 & MUSC 215 or MUSC 311 & MUSC 312</i>		
A1 MUSC 195 Music in Human Experience and	3 credits	Grade:
A2 MUSC 215 American Popular Music	3 credits	Grade:
B1 MUSC 311 Music from Ancient Times to 1750 and	3 credits	Grade:
B2 MUSC 312 Music from 1750 to Present	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	21 total credits	

Applied & Performance Core Courses – 21 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 – 7 c.h.		
MUPF	1 credit	Grade:
Large Ensemble in Major Area – 6 c.h.		
MUPF	1 credit	Grade:
Small Ensemble in Major Area – 5 c.h.		
MUPF	1 credit	Grade:
Senior Recital – 1 c.h.		
MUPF 399 Senior Recital	1 credit	Grade:



B.A. Music Performance 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.	FYSM 100:
Gen Ed	Category A3	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 101	2 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 102	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF 277	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Second Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A1	3 CH.	Selection: COMP__
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 B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C1	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 213: Aural Skills III	2 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

Fourth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category D	2 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C3	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 310	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.	

Fifth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A2	3 CH.	Selection: COMP__
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 311 or MUSC 195	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:
Total		14 CH.	

Sixth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 312 or MUSC 215	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Small Ensemble	1 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Seventh Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUSC 302 or MUSC 304 or MUSC 305	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Private Instruction	1 CH.	Selection:
Major	MUPF: Large Ensemble	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:
Total		13 CH.	

Eighth Semester Plan

Major	MUPF: Senior Recital	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:
Elective	University Elective(s)	1-4 CH.	Selection:
Total		14 CH.	

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