

MUSIC, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

General Music Option: Music, B.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2 Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 40*	1 MUSIC 122*	1
MUSIC 121*	1 MUSIC 132*	2
MUSIC 131*	2 MUSIC 162*	2
World Language	4 ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H†	3
General Education Course (GQ)†	3 World Language	4
	14	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2 Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 221*	1 MUSIC 222*	1
MUSIC 231*	2 MUSIC 261*	3
MUSIC 262*	3 MUSIC 270*	1
World Language	4 MUSIC 332*	2
General Education Course (GQ)†	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	1 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
	17	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C†	3 400-Level Music Course*	3
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BA Fields	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D†	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
400-Level Music Course*	3 MUSIC 101*	1
BA Fields	3 MUSIC 476W*	3
BA World Cultures	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	13

Total Credits 120

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures.

See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

Music Technology Option: Music, B.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2 Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 40*	1 INART 258A (GA)**†	3
MUSIC 121*	1 MUSIC 122*	1
MUSIC 127*	1 MUSIC 132*	2
MUSIC 131*	2 MUSIC 162*	2
MUSIC 177*	1 MUSIC 177*	1
INART 50 (GN)**†	3 World Language	4
World Language	4	
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2 Applied Music - Primary Instrument*	2
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 177*	1 MUSIC 177*	1
MUSIC 221*	1 MUSIC 222*	1
MUSIC 231*	2 MUSIC 261*	3
MUSIC 262*	3 MUSIC 270*	1
MATH 38 (GQ)**††	3 MUSIC 332*	2
World Language	4 MATH 41 (GQ)**††	4
	MATSE 81 (GN)**††	3
	17	18

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MUSIC 177*	1 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C†	3
MUSIC 437*	3 MUSIC 177*	1
MUSIC 453*	1 MUSIC 451 or 452*	3
THEA 484*	3 MUSIC 458*	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H†	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	
	17	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MUSIC 177*	1 MUSIC 101*	1
MUSIC 476W*	3 MUSIC 177*	1

BA Fields	3 MUSIC 451 or 452*	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D†	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course (Exploration)	3 BA World Cultures	3
	General Education Course (Exploration)	3
	16	17

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