

MUSIC, B.M.

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.

Composition Option: Music, B.M. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1	Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1	Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 40*	1	ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H†	3
MUSIC 121*	1	MUSIC 122*	1
MUSIC 127*	1	MUSIC 132*	2
MUSIC 131*	2	MUSIC 162*	2
MUSIC 173*	2	MUSIC 174*	2
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3	General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
General Education Course	3		
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1	Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1
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
MUSIC 273*	2	MUSIC 274*	2
General Education Course	3	MUSIC 332*	2
Elective	1	MUSIC 458*	3

General Education Course 3

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Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1	Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1
Additional Course*	1	Additional Course*	3
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C‡	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D†	3
MUSIC 266*	1	MUSIC 374*	3
MUSIC 373*	3	MUSIC 433*	3
MUSIC 431*	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3		
	15		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1	Applied Music – primary instrument (Additional Courses for Option)*	1
MUSIC 461W, 462W, 463W, or 464W (Additional Courses)*	3	MUSIC 101*	1
MUSIC 473*	3	MUSIC 422, 431, 433, 461W, 462W, 463W, or 472 (Additional Courses)*	3
General Education Course	3	MUSIC 474*	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
	16		14

Total Credits 122

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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.

Program Notes:

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Keyboard Instruments Option: Music, B.M. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 130)*	3 Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 180)*	3
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 40*	1 ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H†	3
MUSIC 121*	1 MUSIC 122*	1
MUSIC 131*	2 MUSIC 132*	2
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 MUSIC 162*	2
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
	14	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 230)*	3 Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 280)*	3
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
General Education Course	3 MUSIC 332*	2
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	General Education Course	3
	16	17

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 330)*	3 Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 380)*	3
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C‡	3 Electives*	3
MUSIC 181, 182, 267, 420, 422, 423, 431, 433, or 438*	2 ENGL 202A (Music Electives)*	3
MUSIC 266*	1 General Education Course	3
MUSIC 481*	3	
General Education Course	3	
	16	13

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 430)*	3 Applied Music – primary instrument (KEYBD 480)*	3

Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1 Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 419 or 424*	2 MUSIC 101*	1
MUSIC 461W, 462W, 463W, or 464W (Additional Courses)*	3 MUSIC 422, 431, 433, 461W, 462W, 463W, or 472*	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	14

Total Credits 120

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Program Notes:

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Strings, Winds, Brass and Percussion Instruments Option: Music, B.M. 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	ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H [‡]	3
MUSIC 121*	1	MUSIC 122*	1
MUSIC 131*	2	MUSIC 132*	2
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3	MUSIC 162*	2
General Education Course	3	General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
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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
General Education Course	3	MUSIC 332*	2
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
Elective	1	General Education Course	3
	16		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument*	3	Applied Music – primary instrument*	3
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1	Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
MUSIC 181, 182, 267, 422, 431, 433, or 438*	2	MUSIC 86, 87, 181, 190, 191, 192, 336, MUSIC 366, MUSIC 421, MUSIC 422, MUSIC 466, MUSIC 485, or MUSIC 487*	2
MUSIC 266*	1	MUSIC 485 or 487*	3
General Education Course (GN)	3	General Education Course	3
Elective	3	Elective	1
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument*	3	Applied Music – primary instrument*	3
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1	Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 414, 415, 416, or 417 (Pedagogy)*	1	MUSIC 101*	1
MUSIC 461W, 462W, 463W, or 464W (Additional Courses)*	3	MUSIC 422, 431, 433, 461W, 462W, 463W, or 472*	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	Elective	3
Elective	1		
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Voice Option: Music, B.M. at University Park Campus

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 130)*	2	Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 180)*	2
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1	Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 40*	1	ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H†	3
MUSIC 121*	1	MUSIC 122*	1
MUSIC 131*	2	MUSIC 132*	2
MUSIC 387*	1	MUSIC 162*	2
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3	MUSIC 388*	1
General Education Course	3	MUSIC 389*	1
		General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
	14		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 230)*	2	Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 280)*	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
General Education Course	3	MUSIC 332*	2
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
		General Education Course	3
	15		16

Third Year

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Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 330)*	3	Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 380)*	3
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1	Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C‡	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D‡	3
MUSIC 181, 182, 267, 420, 422, 423, 431, 432, 433, or 438*	2	MUSIC 478 or 480*	3
MUSIC 266*	1	World Language (8 credits in one world language: French, German, or Italian)*	4
General Education Course	3		

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Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 430)*	3	Applied Music – primary instrument (VOICE 480)*	3
Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1	Ensemble (Supporting Course)*	1
MUSIC 418 (Pedagogy)*	2	MUSIC 101*	1
MUSIC 461W, 462W, 463W, or 464W (Additional Courses)*	3	MUSIC 422, 431, 433, 461W, 462W, 463W, or 472*	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
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