

MUSIC EDUCATION, B.M.E.

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

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Music Education degree, a minimum of 129.5 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Requirements for the Major	93.5-94.5

9 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GH courses; 6 credits of GS courses.

18 of the 45 credits for General Education are required for Entrance to Teacher Certification.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CI 280	Introduction to Teaching Multilingual Learners	3
MUSIC 40	First-Year Seminar in Music	1
MUSIC 101	Music Common Hour	1
MUSIC 112	Guitar Techniques I	0.5
MUSIC 121	Basic Musicianship I	1
MUSIC 122	Basic Musicianship II	1
MUSIC 131	Music Theory I	2
MUSIC 132	Music Theory II	2
MUSIC 151	Brass Techniques I	1
MUSIC 153	String Techniques I	1
MUSIC 154	Woodwind Techniques I	1
MUSIC 162	Introduction to Music History	2
MUSIC 221	Basic Musicianship III	1
MUSIC 222	Basic Musicianship IV	1
MUSIC 231	Music Theory III	2
MUSIC 261	Survey of Music History I	3
MUSIC 262	Survey of Music History II	3
MUSIC 266	Basic Conducting	1
MUSIC 295A	Introduction to Music Education	1
MUSIC 332	Analysis of Twentieth Century Music	2
MUSIC 341	Instructional Materials in Music	2
MUSIC 345	Instructional Practices in Music	2

MUSIC 366	Intermediate Conducting	1
MUSIC 395A	Cohort Practicum I	1
MUSIC 395B	Cohort Practicum II	1
SPLED 400	Inclusive Special Ed Foundations: Legal, Characteristics, Collaboration, Assessment, and Management	4

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

EDPSY 10	Individual Differences and Education	3
or EDPSY 11	Educational Implications of Individual Differences in Childhood	
or EDPSY 14	Learning and Instruction	
MUSIC 181	Jazz Improvisation I	2-3
or MUSIC 267	Techniques of Composition	
or MUSIC 420	Song Writing and Recording	
SPLED 403A	Evidence-Based Instruction for Elementary Students with Disabilities in Reading, Math, and Writing	3
or SPLED 403B	Evidence-Based Methods for Teaching Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings	
Select 7 credits of ensembles from the following:		7

MUSIC 76	Chamber Orchestra
MUSIC 77	Philharmonic Orchestra
MUSIC 78	Symphonic Wind Ensemble
MUSIC 80	Symphonic Band
MUSIC 81	Marching Blue Band
MUSIC 82	Concert Band
MUSIC 84	Jazz Ensemble
MUSIC 86	Percussion Ensemble
MUSIC 87	Mallet Ensemble
MUSIC 89	University Choir
MUSIC 90	Glee Club
MUSIC 91	Oriana Singers
MUSIC 92	Chamber Music for Voices
MUSIC 93	Essence of Joy
MUSIC 100	Campus Orchestra
MUSIC 103	Concert Choir
MUSIC 189	Studio Ensemble
MUSIC 190	Chamber Music for Strings
MUSIC 191	Chamber Music for Woodwinds
MUSIC 192	Chamber Music for Brass
MUSIC 193	Sonata Duos
MUSIC 194	Studio and Recital Accompanying

Select 14 credits in applied music through Primary Level VII		14
Select 3 credits from the following:		3

HDFS 229	Infant and Child Development
HDFS 239	Adolescent Development
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology

Select 3 credits from the following:		3
MUSIC 441W	Emphasis in Elementary General Music	
MUSIC 442W	Emphasis in Secondary General Music	
MUSIC 443W	Choral Emphasis in Secondary Music Education	
MUSIC 444W	Emphasis in Elementary and Intermediate Band	

MUSIC 445W	Emphasis in High School Band	
MUSIC 446W	Emphasis in Strings and Orchestra	
Select 12 credits from MUSIC 495A, MUSIC 495B, MUSIC 495C, as follows:		12
5 or 7 credits of MUSIC 495A		
5 or 7 credits of MUSIC 495B or MUSIC 495C		
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 5 credits for the Individualized Emphasis, an individualized cluster of courses approved in advance by the Music Education Faculty, from an approved department list		5

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.