

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

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.

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The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MUSIC 121 [*]	1 ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H ^{‡#}	3
MUSIC 131 [*]	2 EDPSY 10, 11, or 14 (GS) ^{*#†}	3
MUSIC 40 [*]	1 MUSIC 112 ^{*#}	0.5
General Education, Literature Course (GH; US) ^{*#†}	3 MUSIC 122 [*]	1
General Education Course (GQ) ^{‡#}	3 MUSIC 132 [*]	2
Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2 MUSIC 162 (IL) ^{*#}	2
Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1 Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2
Supporting Course for Major or MUSIC 116 (see note) ^{*2,3}	1 Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1
	Supporting Course for Major (see note) ^{*2}	1
	14	15.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MUSIC 151 ^{*#}	1 MUSIC 153 or 154 ^{*#}	1
MUSIC 153 or 154 ^{*#}	1 MUSIC 222 ^{*#}	1
MUSIC 221 [*]	1 MUSIC 261 ^{*#}	3
MUSIC 231 [*]	2 MUSIC 295A ^{*#}	1
MUSIC 262 ^{*#}	3 MUSIC 332 [*]	2
PSYCH 100, HDFS 229, or HDFS 239 (GS) ^{*#†1}	3 Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2
Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2 Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1

Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1 Supporting Course for Major or MUSIC 152 (see note) ^{*#2,3}	1
Supporting Course for Major (see note) ^{*2}	1 Supporting Course for Major or MUSIC 270 (see note) ^{*#2,3}	1
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
	General Education Course	3
	18	19

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
CI 280 (GH) ^{*†}	3 MUSIC 345 [*]	2
MUSIC 181, 267, or 420 [*]	2-3 MUSIC 366 [*]	1
MUSIC 266 [*]	1 MUSIC 395B [*]	1
MUSIC 341 [*]	2 SPLED 400 [*]	4
MUSIC 395A [*]	1 Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2
Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2 Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1
Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	
	18-19	17

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MUSIC 101 [*]	1 MUSIC 495 (see note on 495A, B, and C) ^{*1}	12
SPLED 403A or 403B ^{*1}	3	
MUSIC 441W, 442W, 443W, 444W, 445W, or 446W (W) ^{*1}	3	
Additional Course for Major, Applied Music (see note) ^{*1}	2	
Additional Course for Major, Ensemble (see note) ^{*1}	1	
General Education Course	3	
General Education Course (GHW)	3	
	16	12

Total Credits 129.5-130.5

* 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

¹ ADDITIONAL COURSES (45-47 credits)

-Select 7 credits of ensembles as follows: MUSIC 76(1), MUSIC 77 GA(1), MUSIC 78 GA(1), MUSIC 80 GA(1), MUSIC 81 GA(1), MUSIC 82 GA(1), MUSIC 84 GA(1), MUSIC 86 GA(1), MUSIC 87 GA(1), MUSIC 89 GA(1), MUSIC 90 GA(1), MUSIC 91 GA(1), MUSIC 92 GA(1), MUSIC 93 GA;US;IL(1), MUSIC 94 GA(1), MUSIC 100 GA (1), MUSIC 103 GA(1), MUSIC 104 GA(1), MUSIC 190 GA(1), MUSIC 191 GA (1), MUSIC 192 GA(1), MUSIC 193(1), MUSIC 194(1) (Sem: 1-7)

-Select 14 credits in applied music through Primary Level VII (Sem: 1-7)

- Select 3 credits from HDFS 229 GS(3), HDFS 239 GS(3) or PSYCH 100 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)
- Select 3 credits from SPLED 403A(3) or SPLED 403B(3) (Sem: 7)
- Select 2 credits from MUSIC 181(2), MUSIC 267(2), MUSIC 420(3) (Sem: 5-7)
- Select 3 credits from MUSIC 441W(3), MUSIC 442W(3), MUSIC 443W(3), MUSIC 444W(3), MUSIC 445W(3), MUSIC 446W(3) (Sem: 7)
- Select 12 credits from MUSIC 495A, MUSIC 495B, MUSIC 495C, as follows:
 - 5 or 7 credits of MUSIC 495A (Sem: 8)
 - 5 or 7 credits of MUSIC 495B or MUSIC 495C (Sem: 8)

² **SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (5 credits) 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. (ETM courses MUSIC 116/VOICE 270, MUSIC 270/KEYBD 270, & MUSIC 152/PERCN 270 will count towards this area. Students will be advised on the appropriate choices based on primary instrument)

³ **Entrance to Major Requirements**

- All candidates seeking entrance to the Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) must meet the following entrance to major criteria:
- Minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA by the end of the semester prior to ETM semester and at least 48 credits completed by the end of the semester prior to ETM semester.
 - Complete 3 credits in quantification (GQ) ("C" or higher required).
 - Complete 3 credits in literature (GH) ("C" or higher required).
 - Complete ENGL 15 or ENGL 30H ("C" or higher required).
 - Complete early field experience ("C" or higher required). Course List: MUSIC 295A
 - Complete EDPSY 10, 11, or 14 and 3 additional credits of the education core ("C" or higher required). Course List: EDPSY 10, EDPSY 11, EDPSY 14, PSYCH 100, HDFS 229, HDFS 239
 - Complete 15 credits of required courses in teaching area ("C" or higher required). Course List: MUSIC 112, 151, 153, 154, 162, 222, 261, 262, 332.
 - Complete primary level IV on applied instrument ("C" or higher required)
 - Complete and document a minimum of 40 hours of paid or volunteer work with age-appropriate population. At least 20 hours of these age-appropriate 40 hours would be satisfied by working with "under-represented learners."
 - Complete additional requirements: Voice Requirement (MUSIC 116 or VOICE 270), Piano Requirement (MUSIC 270 or KEYBD 270), and Percussion Requirement (MUSIC 152 or PERCN 270) ("C" or higher required).

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.

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