

# MUSICAL ARTS, B.M.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.

### Musical Arts, B.M.A. at University Park Campus

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   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 2 Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 2         |
| Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1 Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1         |
| MUSIC 40 <sup>*</sup>                                                | 1 MUSIC 122 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1         |
| MUSIC 121 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1 MUSIC 132 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 2         |
| MUSIC 131 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 2 MUSIC 162 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 2         |
| General Education Course (GQ) <sup>‡</sup>                           | 3 ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H <sup>‡</sup>                                    | 3         |
| General Education Course/ Other Area of Study <sup>*1</sup>          | 3 General Education Course (GQ) <sup>‡</sup>                           | 3         |
|                                                                      | <b>13</b>                                                              | <b>14</b> |

#### Second Year

| Fall                                                                 | Credits Spring                                                         | Credits   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 2 Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 2         |
| Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1 Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1         |
| MUSIC 221 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1 MUSIC 222 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1         |
| MUSIC 231 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 2 MUSIC 261 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 3         |
| MUSIC 262 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 3 MUSIC 270 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1         |
| General Education Course/ Other Area of Study <sup>*1</sup>          | 3 MUSIC 332 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 2         |
| General Education Course                                             | 3 General Education Course/ Other Area of Study <sup>*1</sup>          | 3         |
|                                                                      | General Education Course                                               | 3         |
|                                                                      | <b>15</b>                                                              | <b>16</b> |

#### Third Year

| Fall                                                                 | Credits Spring                                                         | Credits   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 3 Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 3         |
| Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1 Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1         |
| MUSIC 266 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D <sup>‡</sup>                          | 3         |
| CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C <sup>‡</sup>                                 | 3 General Education Course/ Other Area of Study <sup>*1</sup>          | 3         |
| General Education Course                                             | 3 General Education Course                                             | 3         |
| General Education Course                                             | 3 General Education Course                                             | 3         |
| Elective                                                             | 2                                                                      |           |
|                                                                      | <b>16</b>                                                              | <b>16</b> |

#### Fourth Year

| Fall                                                                 | Credits Spring                                                         | Credits   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 3 Applied Music – primary instrument (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup> | 3         |
| Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1 Ensemble (Supporting Course) <sup>*1</sup>                           | 1         |
| MUSIC 461W, 462W, 463W, or 464W (Additional Courses) <sup>*</sup>    | 3 MUSIC 101 <sup>*</sup>                                               | 1         |
| 400-level courses in Other Area of Study <sup>*1</sup>               | 6 400-level courses in Other Area of Study <sup>*1</sup>               | 6         |
| Elective                                                             | 3 Elective                                                             | 3         |
|                                                                      | <b>16</b>                                                              | <b>14</b> |

#### 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

#### <sup>1</sup> SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (57 credits)

- Select 20 credits in applied music through Level VIII of performance (Sem: 1-8)
- Select 8 credits of approved ensembles (see School of Music Handbook for list of ensembles) (Sem: 1-8)
- Select 24 credits in consultation with adviser in an area of study other than music, at least 12 credits must be at the 400 level.

*This list of courses must be approved by the College of Arts and Architecture's Dean of Undergraduate Studies.*

*(0-12 of these 24 credits may be included in GENERAL EDUCATION) (Sem: 1-8)*

#### 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.

**Program Notes:**

- Entrance into this program will be determined by departmental evaluation. All students are required to pass a piano proficiency examination.