

MUSIC at MSU DENVER

Advising Information Catalog Year 2025-2026

Extended Bachelor of Arts Songwriting and Music Production Concentration

Recommended Course Sequence for Graduation in Eight Semesters

1st Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (*Note 1)	0
MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 171x	Private Instruction I	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (*Note 2)	1
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
	TOTAL	15

2nd Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1
MUS 1210	Intro to Musical Styles and Research	2
MUS 162B	Class Piano II	1
MUS 172x	Private Instruction II	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MTH 1xxx	General Studies Quantitative Literacy Requirement	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Composition	3
	TOTAL	16

3rd Semester (Fall):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1
MUS 3070	Songwriting	2
MUS 271x	Private Instruction III	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
	TOTAL	15

4th Semester (Spring):

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 272x	Private Instruction IV	2
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
CONC	Additional Required Courses	3
	TOTAL	16

5th Semester (Fall):

MUS 1060	Basic Music Production	2
MUS 3210	Music History I	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 3650	Basic Techniques of Composition	2
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
	TOTAL	14

6th Semester (Spring):

MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (World) (*Note 4)	1
MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
CONC	Additional Required Courses	9
	TOTAL	15

7th Semester (Fall):

MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2
MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
CONC	Additional Required Courses	9
	TOTAL	15

8th Semester (Spring):

MUS 38xx	Ensemble	1
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar	1
MUS 4950	Senior Project	3
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
CONC	Additional Required Courses	6
	TOTAL	14

*Note 1: Students must enroll in Recital Attendance during each semester of required private instruction.

*Note 2: Music majors must enroll in their concentration's required ensemble during each semester of private instruction. See reverse.

*Note 3: Offered every other year.

*Note 4: Fulfilled by MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble, MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble, or MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble.

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Course Listing

Core Requirements for All Music Majors

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (2 semesters).....	0
MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I*	1
MUS 162B	Class Piano II*	1
MUS 171x	Private Instruction I	2
MUS 172x	Private Instruction II	2
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1
MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 3210	Music History I	3
MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 38xx	Ensemble (World)	1

**Students whose primary instrument is piano must substitute MUS 261B and 262B, Class Piano III and IV*

Ensembles..... 8

General Studies

COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3
Additional General Studies classes for the degree		30

General Electives..... 15

Specific Degree Requirements

MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (2 additional semesters).....	0
MUS 1060	Basic Music Production.....	2
MUS 1210	Intro to Musical Styles and Research	2
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 261B	Class Piano III	1
MUS 262B	Class Piano IV	1
MUS 271x	Private Instruction III	2
MUS 272x	Private Instruction IV	2
MUS 3070	Songwriting.....	2
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting.....	2
MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 3650	Basic Techniques of Composition.....	2
MUS 4020	Senior Seminar.....	1
MUS 4960	Senior Project.....	3

Additional Required Courses Group A (Select 9 credits from following)

MUS 2450	Jazz Improvisation I	1
MUS 2660	Electronic Music Composition*	1
MUS 3xxx	Private Instruction (Composition)	3
MUS 3100	Counterpoint*	3
MUS 3150	Arranging and Orchestration**	2
MUS 3160	Jazz Composition and Arranging*	1
MUS 3660	Scoring for Film and Television	3
MUS 4110	Analysis of Music.....	2

Additional Required Courses Group B (Select 9 credits from following)

ENG 2100	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
ENG 2500	Creative Writing	3
ENG 3140	Literary Genre: Poetry	3
ENG 3521	Poetry Writing Workshop	3
ENG 3535	Essentials of Grant Writing	3
ENG 4115	Hip Hop and Literature.....	3
MUS 1050	History of Rock and Roll	3
MUS 3020	History of Jazz.....	3
MUS 3015	Global Pop	3
MUS 3030	Traditional American Improvised Styles.....	3
MUS 3099	The Beatles: Music and Culture	3
MUS 4010	From Blues to Hip Hop	3

Additional Required Courses Group C (Select 9 credits from following)

JMP 1450	Media Literacy	3
JMP 2400	Basic Video Editing.....	3
JMP 2420	Basic Video Production.....	3
JMP 2430	Introduction to Media Production.....	3
JMP 2800	Introduction to Audio Production	3
JMP 3470	Writing for Interactive Media	3
JMP 3590	Streaming Media Technologies	3
MKT 3000	Principles of Marketing	3
BUS 1850	Introduction to Business	3

**Offered every other year.*

***MUS 3460 and either MUS 3410, 3430, or 3450 are prerequisites for MUS 3150.*

Ensemble Requirements for Bachelor of Arts in Music Majors

MUS 3819 Chamber Music.....	1
World Ensemble	1
MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble OR	
MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble OR	
MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble	

Additional Requirement by Primary Instrument:

Primary Instrument: Jazz

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3828 Jazz Ensemble OR	
MUS 3829 Jazz Combo	

Primary Instrument: Classical Voice

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3820 Chorale OR	
MUS 3821 University Treble Choir OR	
MUS 3822 University Basso Choir	

Primary Instrument: Classical Guitar

Major Ensemble: 3830 Guitar Ensemble.....	5
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Primary Instrument: Classical Piano

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3817 String Sinfonietta OR	
MUS 3820 Chorale OR	
MUS 3821 University Treble Choir OR	
MUS 3822 University Basso Choir OR	
MUS 3824 Symphonic Band OR	
MUS 3825 Wind Ensemble OR	
MUS 3827 Symphony Orchestra	

Primary Instrument: Strings

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3817 String Sinfonietta OR	
MUS 3827 Symphony Orchestra	

Primary Instrument: Woodwinds, Brass, or Percussion

Major Ensemble (as assigned)	5
MUS 3824 Symphonic Band OR	
MUS 3825 Wind Ensemble	