

MUSIC (BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION, B.M.E.)

Overview

The mission of the Music Education program is to prepare outstanding music educators for lifelong careers inspiring today's youth. Our undergraduate program provides a core of knowledge and skills, enhanced by applied learning experiences that ready our graduates for contemporary and current educational practices. Our faculty members are cutting-edge teacher/scholars with national certifications in Orff Schulwerk and Kodaly. They are active scholars and researchers, particularly in the areas of instrumental music, jazz education, choral music, Kodaly, Orff Schulwerk, Laban Movement Analysis, and vocal pedagogy. Graduates move on to be successful general, choral and instrumental music educators in Missouri and in the states of Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, and often continue their education in successful graduate programs all over the United States.

As of 2019, the BME degree sequence was overhauled to best meet the needs of the 21st century music educator, as well as shorten the time required to complete the degree. Most students are able to complete the BME in nine (9) total semesters.

All music major degree programs have a concert/recital attendance applied learning activity requirement. To complete the degree, the student must attend 12 approved performances each semester for a total of 6 semesters. This is in addition to all coursework for any music major degree. Attendance requirements and an approved listing of concerts/recitals are provided at the beginning of each regular semester.

Whether instrumental music or vocal music is your passion, you can tailor your music education degree with the concentration that matches your interest.

Admission

Admission Requirements

- ACT composite score of 20 or higher or successful completion of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA)
- Overall GPA of 2.50
- Professional GPA of 3.0
- Content GPA of 3.0
- Satisfactory completion of EDU 202/203

*Alternative avenues to Teacher Education available for recruitment of historically under-served populations. Contact the Department Chairperson for guidelines and procedures.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Studies ¹		
Students must complete General Studies courses (http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies)		42-47
Major Requirements		
MUS 100	Concert/Recital Attendance	0
MUS 103	Fundamentals of Music	3

MUS 106	Basic Keyboard Skills I	2
MUS 108	Basic Keyboard Skills II	2
MUS 115	Musicianship I	3
MUS 116	Musicianship I Lab	1
MUS 215	Musicianship II	3
MUS 216	Musicianship II Lab	1
MUS 320	Elementary Music Methods and Materials	3
MUS 348	Music of World Cultures	1
MUS 363	History of Western Music II: Romanticism to the 21st Century	3
MUS 366	Musicianship III	3
MUS 367	Musicianship III Lab	1
MUS 368	Musicianship IV	2
MUS 490	Senior Recital	1
or MUS 491	Senior Recital	
MUS 1XX (Applied Lessons)		3
MUS 2XX (Applied Lessons)		1
MUS 3XX (Applied Lessons - 2 semesters)		2
MUS 4XX (Applied Lessons)		1
MUS XXX (Large Ensembles) ²		5
MUS XXX (Chamber Ensembles) ²		2
Concentration		
Select one of the following concentrations:		17-19
Instrumental		
Vocal		
Education Professional Sequence		36
EDU 150	Psychological Development for Children & Adolescents for Educators	3
EDU 202	Introduction to Education	3
EDU 203	Participation in Teaching I	1
EDU 225	Educational Psychology	3
EDU 303	Experience in Teaching II	2
EDU 304	Applied Methods and Management	3
EDU 311	Secondary Reading Techniques	3
EDU 315	Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child	3
EDU 404	Seminar in Secondary Education and Human Relations	3
EDU 409	Secondary Student Teaching III	9

¹ Music majors must take one of the following: HUM 203 Humanities: Ancient and Medieval, HUM 204 Humanities: Middle Ages to the French Revolution, HUM 205 Humanities: American Revolution to the Present, ENG 210 Approaches to Literature, ART 100 Introduction to Art, or THR 113 Introduction to Theatre for NASM accreditation.

² One semester of orchestra and one semester of a jazz ensemble are required.

Concentrations:
Instrumental (p. 2)
Vocal (p. 2)

Instrumental Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
MUS 109	Functional Voice Class	2
MUS 206	Keyboard Proficiency for Instrumentalists	2
MUS 307	Percussion Methods and Materials	2
MUS 307	Percussion Methods and Materials	2
MUS 325	Marching Band Techniques	1
MUS 337	Brass Methods & Materials	2
MUS 353	Woodwind Methods and Materials	2
MUS 442	Instrumental Conducting	3
MUS 468	Middle and High School Instrumental Methods	3

Vocal Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
MUS 111	Functional Instrumental Techniques	2
MUS 201	Diction for Singers	3
MUS 208	Keyboard Proficiency for Vocalists	2
MUS 328	Song and Choral Literature	2
MUS 334	Pedagogical Practices: Voice	1-2
MUS 441	Choral Conducting	3
MUS 467	Middle and High School Choral Methods	3

Additional Teaching Certification

The department strongly recommends additional teaching certification for all BME music majors.

Candidates for the Bachelor of Music in Education degree with a Instrumental Concentration may achieve state vocal certification with the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MUS 201	Diction for Singers	3
MUS 301	Advanced Diction for Singers	2
MUS 328	Song and Choral Literature	2
MUS 441	Choral Conducting	3
MUS 467	Middle and High School Choral Methods	3

Candidates for the Bachelor of Music in Education degree with a Vocal Concentration may achieve state instrumental certification with the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MUS 307	Percussion Methods and Materials	2
MUS 308	String Methods and Materials	2
MUS 337	Brass Methods & Materials	2
MUS 353	Woodwind Methods and Materials	2
MUS 442	Instrumental Conducting	3

MUS 468	Middle and High School Instrumental Methods	3
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Program Graduation Requirements

1. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.50 and a major GPA of 3.0.
2. Earn a grade of C or higher in all major coursework.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable).
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
4. Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
5. Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
6. Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.