

MUSICAL ARTS (BACHELOR OF MUSICAL ARTS, B.M.A.)

Overview

Students can choose a bachelor of musical arts (BMA) which allows them to pursue a course of study completely tailored to their own personal career aspirations, whether those be in music performance, technology, production, film music, business, or more.

Requirements

Students who choose this bachelor degree program will have no more than 6 years from admission or subsequent declaration to meet the requirements listed below. If certification, accreditation or statutory requirements change and additional requirements become effective during this time, the new requirements take precedence.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Studies		42
Students must complete General Studies courses (http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies)		
Major Requirements		78
Core Requirements		24
MUS 100	Concert/Recital Attendance ¹	0
MUS 103	Fundamentals of Music	3
MUS 106	Basic Keyboard Skills I	2
MUS 108	Basic Keyboard Skills II	2
MUS 109	Functional Voice Class	2
or MUS 201	Diction for Singers	
MUS 115	Musicianship I	3
MUS 116	Musicianship I Lab	1
MUS 215	Musicianship II	3
MUS 216	Musicianship II Lab	1
MUS 302	Technology Tools for Musicians	2
MUS 348	Music of World Cultures	1
MUS 366	Musicianship III	3
MUS 367	Musicianship III Lab	1
Music History Requirement		6
MUS 362	History of Western Music I: Ancient to Classical	3
or MUS 363	History of Western Music II: Romanticism to the 21st Century	
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or MUS 363	History of Western Music II: Romanticism to the 21st Century	
or MUS 359	History of Popular Music in the Recording Era	
or MUS 415	Jazz History	
Music Electives		18
Choose 18 credit hours from the following (At least 4 courses must be 300 level or higher)		
MUS 206	Keyboard Proficiency for Instrumentalists	

or MUS 208	Keyboard Proficiency for Vocalists	
MUS 210	Introduction to Music Technology	
MUS 305	Entrepreneurship in Music	
MUS 320	Elementary Music Methods and Materials	
MUS 324	Live Sound Reinforcement	
MUS 327	Seminar in Music Business Practices	
MUS 328	Song and Choral Literature	
or MUS 312	Topics in Music Literature: Chamber	
or MUS 313	Topics in Music Literature: Choral	
or MUS 314	Topics in Music Literature: Piano	
or MUS 316	Topics in Music Literature: Percussion	
or MUS 317	Topics in Music Literature: Solo Instrument	
MUS 330	Pedagogical Practices: Brass	
or MUS 331	Pedagogical Practices: Keyboard	
or MUS 332	Pedagogical Practices: Percussion	
or MUS 333	Pedagogical Practices: Strings	
or MUS 334	Pedagogical Practices: Voice	
or MUS 335	Pedagogical Practices: Woodwinds	
MUS 307	Percussion Methods and Materials	
or MUS 308	String Methods and Materials	
or MUS 325	Marching Band Techniques	
or MUS 337	Brass Methods & Materials	
or MUS 353	Woodwind Methods and Materials	
MUS 364	Solo Voice Performance Workshop	
MUS 368	Musicianship IV	
MUS 400	Recording Techniques	
MUS 441	Choral Conducting	
or MUS 442	Instrumental Conducting	
MUS 452	Seminar in Music Technology	
MUS 467	Middle and High School Choral Methods	
or MUS 468	Middle and High School Instrumental Methods	
Performance/Composition Studies		12
MUS 1XX (Applied Lessons)		3
MUS 2XX (Applied Lessons)		1
MUS 3XX (Applied Lessons)		2
MUS 4XX (Applied Lessons)		1
MUS 490	Senior Recital	1
or MUS 491	Senior Recital	
or MUS 495	Music Capstone Project	
Ensembles (at least 2 credit hours must be 300 level or higher)		
MUS XXX (Large Ensembles)		2
MUS XXX (Small/Chamber Ensembles)		2
Approved eighteen credit hour course of study with a minimum of three credit hours 300 level or higher (or a second non-music major, minor, or approved certificate):		18

¹ Students must take 6 semesters of MUS 100 Concert/Recital Attendance.

Program Graduation Requirement

1. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 and a major GPA of at least 2.0.

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.