

Bachelor of Music, Commercial Option

The Bachelor of Music degree is designed for students preparing for graduate study or careers in performance. A student majoring in Music Performance may select to specialize in **voice, piano, guitar, strings, winds, percussion, or commercial**.

Program Admissions Requirements

All prospective music majors/minors and transfer students must contact the department office prior to their first semester's registration to be assigned a departmental advisor and take diagnostic placement tests and performance auditions. Acceptance as a music major/minor is dependent upon auditions and these examinations. Examinations should be taken before or during the week preceding classwork.

Performance Auditions

These auditions will include technique demonstration and repertoire performance.

Theory Placement Exam

This exam will determine the specific semester of music theory to which a student will be assigned.

Piano Placement Exams

These tests serve to determine the specific semester and section of class piano or private instruction to which a student will be admitted. All music majors must successfully complete the department's required piano proficiency to graduate. Credits in MUSC 1118, MUSC 1119, MUSC 2218, MUSC 2219, or MUSA 1120 may be used toward passing the piano proficiency. The student must register for piano or piano class each semester until passing the proficiency exam.

General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Objective 1		6
Objective 2		3
Objective 3 - MATH 1123 Recommended ¹		3
Objective 4 - MUSI 1108		7
Objective 5		7
Objective 6		6
Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8		3
Objective 7		
Objective 8		
Objective 9		3
Total Credits		38

¹ "P" courses are equivalent to the original course.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 1103	Theory of Music I	3
MUSC 1104	Theory of Music II	3
MUSC 1107	Recital Attendance (7 semesters)	0

MUSI 1108	The World of Music (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 4)	4
MUSC 1113	Aural Skills I	1
MUSC 1114	Aural Skills II	1
MUSC 2203	Theory of Music III	3
MUSC 2204	Theory of Music IV	3
MUSC 2213	Aural Skills III	1
MUSC 2214	Aural Skills IV	1
MUSC 3304	Music History I	3
MUSC 3305	Music History II	3
MUSC 3306	Music History III	3
MUSC 3311	Form and Analysis	2
MUSC 4495	Senior Recital	2
Piano Proficiency ¹		4
Upper Division Music Theory/History Elective		2-3
Other Music Electives ²		2
Total Credits		41-42

¹ Piano proficiency is required for all degree candidates. Applied music secondary credits (MUSC 1118-MUSC 1119, MUSC 2218-MUSC 2219, or MUSA 1120) may be used toward passing the piano proficiency. The student must register for piano each semester until able to pass the proficiency exam.

² Music electives must be chosen from Music courses (MUSC) and Music General Education courses (MUSI), not from Applied Music courses (MUSA) or Music Ensemble courses (MUSP).

Commercial Option Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 3312	Music Technology	2
MUSC 3313	Recording Technology	2
MUSC 3314	Improvisation I	2
MUSC 4440	Studio Arranging and Composition	2
MUSC 4442	Audio Mixing and Production	2
MUSC 4494	Commercial Music Capstone Project	2
Business Elective: MKTG 2225 or MGT 1101		3
CMP 2202	Photo, Graphic, and Video Editing	3
Applied Music (major instrument, commercial music) ³		16
Four credits required of lower division Large Ensembles (band, orchestra, choir)		4
MUSP 1169	Orchestra	
MUSP 1172	ISU Women's Choir	
MUSP 1173	Concert Choir	
MUSP 1177	Band (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Concert Band)	
Four credits required of upper division Large Ensembles (band, orchestra, choir)		4
Four credits required of MUSP 4475 - Commercial Music Ensemble ⁴		4
Total Credits		46

³ Applied Music Study MUSA: 1 credit lessons, level 11XX and 22XX, on the student's primary instrument of entry (i.e., "saxophone", "guitar", etc.) for the first 4 semesters of study prior to completion of junior standing; thereafter, 4 semesters of applied commercial music MUSA 3395 / MUSA 4495 at 3 credits each (junior and senior year) for a total of 12 credits. Students are permitted to potentially continue studying the original instrument for one credit if so desired in addition to the required commercial music lessons.

⁴ The Chamber music ensemble which satisfies the requirement for the BM Commercial option is specifically MUSP 4475 Commercial Music Ensemble. Note that course MUSP 1175 exists as a performance option for underclassmen, but does not fulfill requirements for the Commercial Music option. Similarly, other sections of chamber music MUSP 1168-4468 do not fulfill requirements for the Commercial Music option.

Degree Totals

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements	0
	General Education	38
	Major Requirements (Required General Education credits removed)	37-38
	Commercial Option Requirements (Required General Education credits removed)	46
	Upper Division Free Electives	0
	Free Electives	0
	Total Credits	121-122

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ISU General Education (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academic information/generaleducation/>)

Major Academic Plan (MAP)