

Bachelor of Music, Piano 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 1000 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		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

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 1103	Musicianship I	4
MUSC 1104	Musicianship II	4
MUSC 1107	Recital Attendance (7 semesters)	0
MUSI 1108	The World of Music (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 4)	4

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		0-4
Upper Division Music Theory/History Elective		2-3
Other Music Electives ²		2
Total Credits		37-42

¹ Piano Proficiency requirement must be met prior to Junior Standing.

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).

Piano Option Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 3319	Conducting I	2
MUSC 3395	Junior Recital	1
MUSC 4413	Piano Literature	2
MUSC 4414	Piano Pedagogy	2
Applied Music Lessons Piano: MUSA 1300, MUSA 2300, MUSA 3300, MUSA 4300		24
Choose four credits of lower division Large Ensembles		4
MUSP 1169	Orchestra	
MUSP 1172	Treble Choir	
MUSP 1173	Concert Choir	
MUSP 1177	Band (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Concert Band)	
Four credits required of upper division Large Ensembles		4
MUSP 4469	Orchestra	
MUSP 4472	Treble Choir	
MUSP 4473	Concert Choir	
MUSP 4477	Band (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Concert Band)	
Four credits required of Chamber Music		4
MUSP 1163	Chamber Orchestra	
MUSP 1168	Chamber Ensembles	
MUSP 1175	Commercial Music Studio/Ensemble	
MUSP 1176	Audio/Visual Electronic Ensemble	
MUSP 1178	Commercial Music/Jazz Large Ensembles	
MUSP 4463	Chamber Orchestra	
Total Credits		43

Degree Totals

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements	0
	General Education	38
	Major Requirements (Required General Education credits removed)	33-38
	Piano Option Requirements	43
	Upper Division Free Electives	0-10
	Free Electives	0-6
	Total Credits	120

ISU Degree Requirements (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degree requirements/>)

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

Major Academic Plan (MAP) (<https://www.isu.edu/advising/maps/>)