



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Music

Specialization: Music Studies

2023-2024 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.0 Minor/Career Interest(s) _____

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the

[Undergraduate Catalog](#).

First Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MUAP 115	Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 3 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1		
MUAP 1XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 110-110L	Music Theory I and Aural Skills I		4		
MUS 119	First Year Seminar		2		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 difference disciplines	3		
Total Credit Hours			14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Elective			3		
MUAP 116	Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 3 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1		
MUAP 1XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 111-111L	Music Theory II and Aural Skills II	p. MUS 110-110L	4		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. placement; Suggested MATH 103 Mathematical Reasoning	3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
MUAP 115	Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 3 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1		
MUAP 2XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 130	Music Literature and History I (SGR #4)		2		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 210-210L	Music Theory III and Aural Skills III	p. MUS 111-111L	4		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
Total Credit Hours			14-15		



Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Student must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level.	4		
MUAP 2XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 131	Music Literature and History II (SGR #4)		3		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 211-211L	Music Theory IV and Aural Skills IV	p. MUS 210-210L	4		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 101	4		
MUAP 3XX	Applied Lesson		2		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 360	Conducting I	p. MUS 111-111L	2		
MUS 433	Music Literature and History III		3		
SGR #3	Social Science/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
		Total Credit Hours	18		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 102	4		
MUAP 3XX	Applied Music		2		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 271/371	Pedagogy of Choice		1		
MUS 313	Forms and Analysis	p. MUS 211-211L	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 131-131L	4		
		Total Credit Hours	18		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2 nd Major Course			6		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 201	3		
MUAP 4XX	Applied Lesson		2		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 132-132L	4		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
MUAP 483	Recital	Capstone	0		
MUAP 4XX	Applied Lesson		2		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance		0		
Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	0-3		
		Total Credit Hours	6-9		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer



Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

As part of the Music major, students in this program must:

- demonstrate piano proficiency. Students complete four semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam within the first year of course work. Piano proficiency must be completed by their junior year in order to proceed to upper-level applied lessons.
- earn a "C" or better in each major course (MUS, MUEN, MUAP)

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete/earn:

- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)
- a capstone course in the major
- a minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

Testing into a higher-level language course may reduce time to graduation. To begin coursework above the 101 level, take the free modern language placement test at <https://www.sdstate.edu/modern-languages-global-studies/mfl-placement-information>. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.