



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Music

Specialization: Music Studies

2024-2025 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 2024

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level.	4		
MUS 110-110L	Music Theory I and Aural Skills I		4		
MUS 119	First Year Seminar		2		
MUAP 1XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUAP 115	Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 3 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

Spring 2025

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Student must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 101	4		
MUS 111-111L	Music Theory II and Aural Skills II	p. MUS 110-110L	4		
MUAP 1XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUAP 116	Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 3 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Suggested MATH 103 Mathematical Reasoning	3		
Total Credit Hours			16-17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall 2025

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Student must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 102	3		
MUS 210-210L	Music Theory III and Aural Skills III	p. MUS 111-111L	4		
MUAP 2XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUAP 115	Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 3 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1		
MUS 130	Music Literature and History I (SGR #4)	Falls only	2	F	
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
Total Credit Hours			17-18		

Spring 2026

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Student must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 201	3		



Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MUS 211-211L	Music Theory IV and Aural Skills IV	p. MUS 210-210L	4		
MUAP 2XX	Applied Lesson		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 1XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 131	Music Literature and History II (SGR #4)	Any Spring	3		
MUS 271/371	Pedagogy of Choice option: Instrumental: Percussion, Marching Band Ped; Vocal: Italian, Latin, English Diction	<i>Can choose one of these or wait to later semester to take a different pedagogy.. Only one required.</i>	1		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall 2026

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MUAP 3XX	Applied Lesson	Must attempt piano proficiency to progress to upper-level lessons	2		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 360	Conducting I	p. MUS 111-111L, Falls only	2	F	
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
MUS 270/370	Pedagogy of Choice option: Instrumental: Woodwind, String, Vocal for instrumentalists; Vocal: Principals of Teaching Voice	<i>Choose one of these or wait to later semester to take a different pedagogy. Only one required.</i>	1		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 difference disciplines	3		
Elective			3		
Total Credit Hours			14-15		

Spring 2027

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 131-131L	4		
MUS 313	Forms and Analysis	p. MUS 211-211L	3		
MUAP 3XX	Applied Music		2		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 271/371	Pedagogy of Choice: Instrumental: Brass, Jazz; Vocal: German and French Diction	<i>If Ped credit not completed yet, take one of these pedagogies. Only one required.</i>	1		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
Total Credit Hours			16-17		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall 2027

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 132-132L	4		
MUAP 4XX	Applied Lesson		2		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
MUS 433	Music History III		3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			6		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring 2028

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MUAP 4XX	Applied Lesson		2		
MUAP 483	Public Recital	Capstone	0		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance		0		
MUEN 3XX	Ensemble		1		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
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 three 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