SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Music Education
Major: Music Education (Choral Emphasis)
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
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SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
MUAP 1XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area		1		
MUAP 115	Beginner I Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 4 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1	FA	
MUEN 1XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 110-110L	Music Theory I and Aural Skills I		4	FA	
MUS 119	First Year Seminar		2	FA	
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

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SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Suggested MATH 103	3		
EDFN 102	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		3		
MUAP 116	Beginner II Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 4 semesters	0-1	SP	
MUAP 1XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area		1		
MUEN 1XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 111-111L	Music Theory II and Aural Skills II	p. MUS 110-110L	4	SP	
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 270	Italian, Latin, English Diction Pedagogy	Offered even Springs	1	SP	
MUS 271/371	Instrumental Pedagogy of choice option: Percussion Pedagogy or Marching Band Pedagogy	2 instrumental pedagogies required. Can defer to a different semester to take the most appropriate subject pedagogy.	1		
		Total Credit Hours	16-18		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
SPED 100	Intro to Persons with Exceptionalities		3		
MUAP 115	Intermediate I Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 4 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1	FA	
MUAP 2XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area	p. MUAP 1XX	1		
MUEN 1XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 210-210L	Music Theory III and Aural Skills III	p. MUS 111-111L	4	FA	
MUS 360	Conducting I	p. MUS 111-111L	2	FA	
MUS 271/371	Instrumental pedagogy of choice option: Woodwind Pedagogy	2 instrumental pedagogies required. Can defer to a different semester to take the most appropriate subject pedagogy.	1		
MUS 371	Ped IV: Principals of Teaching Voice	Offered even Falls	1	FA	
		Total Credit Hours	15-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 131-131L	3-4		
MUAP 116	Intermediate II Class Piano	Piano proficiency required. Complete 4 semesters of class piano or take a proficiency exam.	0-1	SP	
MUAP 2XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area		1		

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MUEN 1XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 211-211L	Music Theory IV and Aural Skills IV	p. MUS 210-210L	4	SP	
MUS 271	German and French Diction Pedagogy	Offered odd Springs	1	SP	
MUS 271/371	Instrumental pedagogy of choice option: Brass Pedagogy or Jazz Pedagogy	2 instrumental pedagogies required. Can defer to a different semester to take the most appropriate subject pedagogy.	1		
MUS 361	Conducting II	p. MUS 360	2	SP	
MUS 362	Music Ed III: Choral Methods and Materials	Vocal offered odd Springs	2	SP	
		Total Credit Hours	14-17		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	American Indian Education & Culture (SGR #3)		3		
MUAP 3XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area	p. MUAP 2XX; piano proficiency attempted.	2		
MUEN 3XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 130	Music Literature and History I (SGR #4)		2	FA	
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 351	Elementary Music Ed Methods		2	FA	
MUS 370	Vocal Repertoire Pedagogy	Offered odd Falls	1	FA	
MUS 420	Orchestration and Arranging		3	FA	
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts	c. or p. EDFN 351	3		
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I		1		
		Total Credit Hours	18		

Spring

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MUAP 3XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area		2		
MUEN 3XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUEN 3XX	Secondary Ensemble of choice	Can be taken earlier but recommended to be taken	1		
MUS 131	Music Literature and History II (SGR #4)		3	SP	
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 313	Forms and Analysis		3	SP	
MUS 365	Music Ed IV: Supervision and Administration	p. MUS 351	2	SP	
EDFN 352	Teaching and Learning II	p. EDFN 351; Education program consent required.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MUS 355	Music Ed Technology	Summers only. Can be any summer.	2	SU	
SGR #6	Natural Science	Suggested GEOG 132-132L	3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	5-6		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or a 2-semester foreign language sequence	3		
MUAP 483	Public Recital	p. Piano proficiency	0		
MUAP 4XX	Applied Lessons in Primary Area	p. MUAP 3XX	2		
MUEN 3XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 433	Music Literature and History III		3	FA	
EDFN 453	Teaching and Learning III	Education program consent required.	3		
SEED 450	7-12 Content Literacy		2		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring – Student Teaching Semester

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EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV	p. EDFN 453; c. SEED 456; Education program consent required; Capstone	11		
SEED 456	Capstone	c. EDFN 454	1		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

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MUS 110-110L	Music Theory I and Aural Skills I		4	FA	
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MUEN 1XX	Primary Ensemble		1		
MUS 111-111L	Music Theory II and Aural Skills II	p. MUS 110-110L	4	SP	
MUS 185	Recital Attendance	Concurrent enrollment with MUAP	0		
MUS 271	Percussion Pedagogy	Required. Offered even Springs	1	SP	
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MUS 210-210L	Music Theory III and Aural Skills III	p. MUS 111-111L	4	FA	
MUS 270	Woodwind Pedagogy	Required. Offered even Falls	1	FA	
MUS 270	Voice Pedagogy for Instrumentalists	Required. Offered even Falls	1	FA	
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