



Major: Music, BME (Bachelor of Music Education)

2026-2027 4-Year Plan Guide

Major: 72 credit hours, Total Degree Requirements: 130 credit hours

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	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
FYS 101 First Year Seminar	Major	2
MUAP Applied Lessons (Major Area)	Major	2
MUAP 100 Applied Voice (Instrumental Emphasis only)*	Major	0-1
MUAP 110 OR 115 Keyboard Competency	Major	1
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	1
MUS 110 Music Theory I	Major	3
MUS 110L Aural Skills I	Major	1
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
ENGL 101 Composition I	SGR 1	3
Mathematics Course	SGR 5	3

Total Credit Hours: 16-17

Spring

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
MUAP Applied Lessons (Major Area)	Major	2
MUAP 101 Applied Voice (Instrumental Emphasis only)*	Major	0-1
MUAP 110 OR 115 Keyboard Competency	Major	1
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	1
MUS 102 Introduction to Music Education, Human Values Course	Major	3
MUS 111 Music Theory II	Major	3
MUS 111L Aural Skills II	Major	1
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
SPED 100 Intro to Persons w/Exceptionalities	Teacher Education Requirement	3
Oral Communications Course	SGR 2	3

Total Credit Hours: 17-18

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
MUAP Applied Lessons (Major Area)	Major	2
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	1
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
MUS 210 Music Theory III	Major	3
MUS 210L Aural Skills III	Major	1
MUS 332 History of Music I (World Music)	Major	2
MUS 360 Conducting	Major	2
MUS Emphasis Method Course(s) - Instrumental & Vocal	Major	2
MUS Instrumental Methods Courses (Vocal emphasis only)*	Major	0-2
EPSY 296 Field Experience	Teacher Education Requirement	0
EPSY 302 Educational Psychology	Teacher Education Requirement	3

Total Credit Hours: 16-18



Spring

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
MUAP Applied Lessons (Major Area)	Major	2
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	1
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
MUS 211 Music Theory IV	Major	3
MUS 211L Aural Skills IV	Major	1
MUS 333 History of Music II (500-1650)	Major	2
MUS 367 Instrumental Conducting (Required for Instrumental Emphasis) OR Elective Course for Vocal emphasis*	Major	2
MUS Elective (Vocal Emphasis Only)*	Major	0-2
MUS Emphasis Method Course(s) - Instrumental & Vocal	Major	2
Social Science Course	SGR 3	3
Total Credit Hours:		16-18

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	0
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
MUS 368 Choral Conducting (Required for Vocal emphasis) OR Elective Course for Instrumental emphasis*	Major	2
MUS 432 History of Music III (1650-1825)	Major	2
MUS Emphasis Methods Course(s) – Instrumental & Vocal	Major	2
EDER 415 Educational Assessment	Teacher Education Requirement	2
Fine Arts & Humanities Course	SGR 4	3
Natural Science w/Lab Course	SGR 6	3-4
Social Science Civics Course	SGR 3	3
Total Credit Hours:		17-18

Spring

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	0
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
MUS 313 Form and Analysis	Major	2
MUS 434 History of Music IV (1825-present)	Major	2
MUS 466 Secondary Instrumental Methods,	Major	2
MUS 480 Secondary Choral Methods, &	Major	2
MUS 496 Field Experience	Major	1
MUS Vocal Emphasis Methods Course OR Instrumental Emphasis Elective Course	Major	2
ENGL 201 Composition II	SGR 1	3
Fine Arts & Humanities Course	SGR 4	3
Total Credit Hours:		17

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
MUEN Large Ensemble	Major	0
MUS 185 Recital Attendance	Major	0
MUS 396 Field Experience &	Major	1
MUS 450 Advanced Elementary Music Methods	Major	2
Senior Recital	Major	0
EDFN 440 Classroom Management	Teacher Education Requirement	3
EPSY 428 Child & Adolescent Development	Teacher Education Requirement	3
INED 211/411 South Dakota Indian Studies	Teacher Education Requirement	3
Natural Science w/Lab Course	SGR 6	3-4
Total Credit Hours:		15-16

Information subject to change. This is not a contract.

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Spring

Prefix + Number + Course Title	Major / General Education Requirements (SGR)	Credits
EDFN 472 School Law and Ethics for Educators	Teacher Education Requirement	2
ELED K-8 Student Teaching	Teacher Education Requirement	5
SEED 488 7-12 Student Teaching	Teacher Education Requirement	5
SPED 441 Inclusive Methods for Diverse Learners	Teacher Education Requirement	2
Total Credit Hours:		14

COMMENTS & NOTES

Notes:

- *Course selection/load per semester will depend on the declared emphasis focus. Courses change based on either Instrumental or Vocal emphasis
- *Will need to apply to the School of Education
- *Minimum GPA 2.7
- *Will need to pass Keyboard Competency Exam
- *Sophomore Screening takes place at the end of the 4th completed semester.
- *Senior Recital takes place the semester prior to the Student Teaching Experience
- *Praxis Content Exam – needs to be completed by specific date as set by the School of Education
- *Praxis PLT Exam – needs to be completed prior to degree completion