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Four-Year Degree Plan: Bachelor of Music in Jazz and American Improvised Music Performance

Catalog Year: 2023-2024

This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Music in Jazz and American Improvised Music Performance in eight semesters. This document is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes only and is intended for use in consultation with a Professional Academic or Faculty advisor. **Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the [MSU Denver catalog](#) for degree requirements.**

Year One					
Semester 1			Semester 2		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (*Note 1)	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3	MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3
MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1	MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1	MUS 162B	Class Piano II	1
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1	MUS 172X	Private Instruction II	2
MUS 171X	Private Instruction I	2	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble (**Note 2)	1	MTH 1XXX	General Studies Math Req.	3
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3	ENG 1020	Research and Argument Writing	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3			
Semester 1 Total		15	Semester 2 Total		14

Year Two					
Semester 3			Semester 4		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 161X	Class Instruct (2nd Perf Area) (**Note 3)	1	MUS 162X	Class Instruct II (Second Perf Area)	1
MUS 2110	Music Theory III	3	MUS 2130	Music Theory IV	3
MUS 2120	Music Theory Lab III	1	MUS 2140	Music Theory Lab IV	1
MUS 273X	Performance III	3	MUS 2450	Jazz Improvisation I	1
MUS 3020	History of Jazz	3	MUS 274X	Performance IV	3
MUS 3XXX	Ensemble	1	MUS 3030	Trad. American Improvised Styles	3
MUS 38XX	World Music Ensemble (****Note 4)	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
GEN ELEC	General Elective	1	GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
Semester 3 Total		14	Semester 4 Total		16

Year Three					
Semester 5			Semester 6		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 2150	Jazz Theory (^Note 5)	3	MUS 2451	Jazz Improvisation II	1
MUS 2630	Jazz Piano (^Note 5)	1	MUS 3160	Jazz Comp & Arranging (^Note 5)	1
MUS 3210	Music History I	3	MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 373X	Performance V	3	MUS 374X	Performance VI	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2	GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
GEN ELEC	General Elective	1			
Semester 5 Total		15	Semester 6 Total		16

Year Four					
Semester 7			Semester 8		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 474X	Performance VIII (Sr Recital Perf)	3
MUS 473X	Performance VII	3	MUS 3260	Prof Dev for 21st Cent Musicians	3
MUS 4800	Repertoire Seminar	2	GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6			
Semester 7 Total		16	Semester 8 Total		14

Program Total: 120

Students must complete all courses with a grade of C- or better. See the MSU Denver Catalog for Ensemble Requirements.

*Note 1: Students must enroll in Recital Attendance during each semester of required private instruction.

**Note 2: Music majors must enroll in their concentration's required ensemble during each semester of private instruction.

***Note 3: Fulfilled by Class Voice I/II, Class Guitar I/II, Class Piano III/IV, or Private Instruction I in a secondary area (audition required).

****Note 4: Fulfilled by MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble, MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble, or MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble.

^Note 5: Offered every other year.

Advisor Contact Information: Visit [Department of Music Advising](#) or [CLAS Academic Advising](#)

Detailed Course Listing

General Studies		
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3
--	General Studies Requirements	30
General Studies Total		33

Core Requirements		
--	Recital Attendance (2 Semesters)	0
--	Music Theory I, II, III, IV	12
--	Music Theory Lab I, II, III, IV	4
--	Class Piano I, II	2
--	Private Instruction I, II	4
--	Musics of the World	3
--	Music History I, II	6
--	Ensemble (World)	1
Core Requirements Total		32

Secondary Performance Area		
	Select 2 hours from the following:	
MUS 161A	Class Voice I	1
MUS 162A	Class Voice II	1
MUS 161K	Class Guitar I	1
MUS 162K	Class Guitar II	1
MUS 261B	Class Piano III	1
MUS 262B	Class Piano IV	1
MUS 171X	Private Instruction I	2

Specific Degree Requirements		
MUS 0020	Recital Attend (6 addl semesters)	0
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 2150	Jazz Theory (^See Note 5)	3
MUS 2450	Jazz Improvisation I	1
MUS 2451	Jazz Improvisation II	1
MUS 2630	Jazz Piano (^See Note 5)	1
MUS 273X	Performance III	3
MUS 274X	Performance IV	3
MUS 3020	History of Jazz	3
MUS 3030	Trad American Improvised Styles	3
MUS 3160	Jazz Composition & Arranging	1
MUS 3260	Prof Dev for 21st Cent Musicians	3
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2
MUS 373X	Performance V	3
MUS 374X	Performance VI	3
MUS 473X	Performance VII	3
MUS 474X	Performance VIII (Sr Recital Perf)	3
MUS 4800	Seminar in Music Repertoire	2
Specific Degree Requirements Total		39

Program Totals	
General Studies Requirements	33
Core Requirements	32
Specific Degree Requirements	39
Ensembles	12
General Electives	2
Secondary Performance Area	2
Total to Graduate	120