



*Four-Year Degree Plan: Bachelor of Music in Piano, Organ or Guitar Performance*

Catalog Year: 2023-2024

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This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Music in Piano, Organ or Guitar 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 II	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	GEN STU	Quantitative Literacy Requirement	3
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3	ENG 1020	Research and Argument Writing	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3			
<b>Semester 1 Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Semester 2 Total</b>		<b>14</b>

Year Two					
Semester 3			Semester 4		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
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 274X	Performance IV	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 38XX	Wrld Mus Ensemble (***)Note 3)	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
GEN ELEC	General Elective	3	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3	GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
<b>Semester 3 Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Semester 4 Total</b>		<b>15</b>

Year Three					
Semester 5			Semester 6		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3210	Music History I	3	MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2	MUS 374X	Performance VI	3
MUS 373X	Performance V	3	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6	GEN ELEC	General Elective	1
			CONC	Concentration Req (****Note 4)	3
<b>Semester 5 Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Semester 6 Total</b>		<b>15</b>

Year Four					
Semester 7			Semester 8		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 3260	Prof Dev for 21st Cent Musicians	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 473X	Performance VII	3	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
MUS 4800	Repertoire Seminar	2	MUS 474X	Performance VIII (Sr Recital Perf)	3
GEN ELEC	General Elective	3	GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3	CONC	Concentration Req (****Note 4)	3
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<b>Semester 7 Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Semester 8 Total</b>		<b>14</b>

**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 MUS 3818 Mariachi Ensemble, MUS 3834 Gamelan Ensemble, or MUS 3835 African Drumming and Dance Ensemble.

\*\*\*\*Note 4: MUS 3100 Counterpoint, MUS 4410 Piano Pedagogy, MUS 4430 Guitar Pedagogy, and MUS 4450 Organ Pedagogy are offered every other year.

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

**Detailed Course Listing**

General Studies		
COM 1010	Second semester foreign language	3
--	General Studies Requirements	30
<b>General Studies Total</b>		<b>33</b>

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
<b>Core Requirements Total</b>		<b>32</b>

Specific Degree Requirements		
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (6 addl semesters)	0
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 273X	Performance III	3
MUS 273X	Performance IV	3
MUS 3260	Prof Dev for 21st Cent Musicians	3
MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2
MUS 373X	Performance V	3

MUS 374X	Performance VI	3
MUS 473X	Performance VII	3
MUS 474X	Performance VIII (Senior Recital Perf.)	3
MUS 4800	Repertoire Seminar	2
<b>Specific Degree Requirements Total</b>		<b>27</b>

<b>Guitar Concentration</b>		
MUS 3100	Counterpoint (****Note 4)	3
MUS 3150	Arranging & Orchestration	2
MUS 4430	Guitar Pedagogy & Lit (****Note 4)	3
	Select one from the following:	
MUS 3410	String Techniques & Pedagogy	1
MUS 3430	Woodwind Techniques & Pedagogy	1
MUS 3450	Brass Techniques & Pedagogy	1
MUS 3460	Percussion Techniques & Pedagogy	1

<b>Organ Concentration</b>		
MUS 3100	Counterpoint (****Note 4)	3
MUS 3540	Advanced Conducting	2
MUS 4450	Organ Pedagogy (****Note 4)	3
ELEC	General Elective	1

<b>Piano Concentration</b>		
MUS 3100	Counterpoint (****Note 4)	3
MUS 4410	Piano Pedagogy (****Note 4)	3
ELEC MUS	Upper-div elect: Theory, Hist, Lit. or Ped	3

<b>Program Totals</b>	
General Studies Requirements	33
Core Requirements	32
Specific Degree Requirements	27
Ensembles	12
General Electives	7
Concentration Requirements	9
<b>Total to Graduate</b>	<b>120</b>



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