MUSIC EDUCATION, B.M.E.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description
The Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) degree is a professional program that helps prepare students for teaching in elementary and secondary schools. Students are expected to meet all requirements for Entrance to Teacher Certification Program in Music, must pass the piano proficiency, complete all music courses, SPLED 400 and SPLED 403A or SPLED 403B, prior to student teaching. Graduates of this program are prepared to receive the Pennsylvania Instructional I certificate for teaching music K-12. (See also Teacher Education Programs.)

The goal of the Penn State Music Teacher Education Program is to prepare exemplary music teachers for K-12 music programs. Such individuals can provide outstanding personal and musical models for children and youth and have a firm foundation in pedagogy on which to build music teaching skills. Penn State B.M.E. graduates exhibit excellence in music teaching as personal and musical models as well as emerging pedagogues.

What is Music Education?
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You Might Like This Major If...
- You have a good level of musical skill and are passionate about sharing your musical knowledge with others, particularly in a school environment.
- You possess an outgoing personality, good social skills, and leadership qualities that will inspire students to achieve success.

Entrance to Major
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1. Minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA by the end of the semester prior to ETM semester and at least 48 credits completed by the end of the semester prior to ETM semester.
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10. Complete and document a minimum of 80 hours of paid or volunteer work with age-appropriate population. At least 40 hours of these age-appropriate 80 hours would be satisfied by working with "under-represented learners."
11. Complete additional requirements: Voice Requirement (Intermediate Voice Class (MUSIC 116) or Voice: Primary IV (VOICE 270)), Piano Requirement (Keyboard Skills IV: Music Major (MUSIC 270) or Piano: Primary IV (KEYBD 270)), and Percussion Requirement (Percussion Techniques I (MUSIC 152) or Percussion: Primary IV (PERCN 270)) (Require a grade of C or better).
12. Approval from the professional education adviser or the head of the pertinent certification program.

Additional Information
For more specific information on entrance procedures, please visit the website for the College of Arts and Architecture (https://music.psu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-process).

Degree Requirements

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General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits
Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrated Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

10-12 of these credits are included in the Requirements for the Major. 18 of these credits are required for Entrance to Teacher Certification.

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major
This includes 10-12 credits of General Education - 6 credits of GS, 1-3 credits of GA, and 3 credits of GH.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

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Select 7 credits of ensembles of the following:
- MUSIC 76 Chamber Orchestra
- MUSIC 77 Philharmonic Orchestra
- MUSIC 78 Symphonic Wind Ensemble
- MUSIC 80 Symphonic Band
- MUSIC 81 Marching Blue Band
- MUSIC 82 Concert Band
Learning Outcomes

- Ability to arrange and adapt music from a variety of sources to meet the needs and ability levels of individuals, school performing groups, and in classroom situations.
- Functional performance abilities in keyboard and the voice.
- Ability to apply analytical and historical knowledge to curriculum development, lesson planning, and daily classroom and performance activities.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and-out-of-class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Suggested Academic Plan

University Park Campus

The course series listed below provides only one of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an Academic Requirements or What If report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 10 credits for the Individualized Emphasis, an individualized cluster of courses approved in advance by the Music Education Faculty, from an approved department list

MUSIC 84 Jazz Ensemble
MUSIC 86 Percussion Ensemble
MUSIC 87 Mallet Ensemble
MUSIC 89 University Choir
MUSIC 90 Glee Club
MUSIC 91 Oriana Singers
MUSIC 92 Chamber Music for Voices
MUSIC 93 Essence of Joy
MUSIC 94 Women’s Chorale
MUSIC 103 Concert Choir
MUSIC 104 Chamber Singers
MUSIC 190 Chamber Music for Strings
MUSIC 191 Chamber Music for Woodwinds
MUSIC 192 Chamber Music for Brass
MUSIC 193 Sonata Duos
MUSIC 194 Studio and Recital Accompanying
Select 14 credits in applied music through Primary Level VII
Select 3 credits in the following:
- MUSIC 181 Jazz Improvisation I
- or MUSIC 267 Techniques of Composition
Select 3 credits in the following:
- HDFS 229 Infant and Child Development
- HDFS 239 Adolescent Development
- PSYCH 100 Introductory Psychology
- SPLED 403A Evidence-Based Instruction for Elementary Students with Disabilities in Reading, Math, and Writing
- or SPLED 403B Evidence-Based Methods for Teaching Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings
Select 12 credits in the following:
- MUSIC 495A Student Teaching: General Music (5 or 7 credits)
- MUSIC 495B Student Teaching: Choral Music (5 or 7 credits)
- MUSIC 49S Student Teaching: Instrumental Music

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### Total Credits 139-141

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\(\dagger\) Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

\(^\#\) Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

\(^1\) Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

### ADDITIONAL COURSES (45-47 credits)

- Select 1-3 credits from INART 258A GA(3) or INART 258B GA(1) (Sem: 1-2)
- Select 7 credits of ensembles as follows: MUSIC 76(1), MUSIC 77 GA(1), MUSIC 78 GA(1), MUSIC 80 GA(1), MUSIC 81 GA(1), MUSIC 82 GA(1), MUSIC 84 GA(1), MUSIC 86 GA(1), MUSIC 87 GA(1), MUSIC 89 GA(1), MUSIC 90 GA(1), MUSIC 91 GA(1), MUSIC 92 GA(1), MUSIC 93 GA;US;IL(1), MUSIC 94 GA(1), MUSIC 103 GA(1), MUSIC 104 GA(1), MUSIC 190 GA(1), MUSIC 191 GA(1), MUSIC 192 GA(1), MUSIC 193(1), MUSIC 194(1) (Sem: 1-7)
- Select 14 credits in applied music through Primary Level VII (Sem: 1-7)
- Select 3 credits from HDFS 229 GS(3), HDFS 239 GS(3) or PSYCH 100 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)
- Select 3 credits from SPLED 403A(3) or SPLED 403B(3) (Sem: 6-7)
- Select 2 credits from MUSIC 181(2), MUSIC 267(2) (Sem: 5-6)
- Select 3 credits from MUSIC 441(3), MUSIC 444(3), MUSIC 445(3), MUSIC 446(3) (Sem: 7)
- Select 12 credits from MUSIC 495A, MUSIC 495B, MUSIC 495C, as follows:
  - 5 or 7 credits of MUSIC 495A (Sem: 8)
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### SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (10 credits)

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**Career Paths**

A degree in music education prepares students to teach music in a variety of school settings to children in grades K-12. A degree in music education may serve as the basis for graduate study not only in music education, but also in performance, composition, conducting, music theory, music history and others.

**Careers**

Graduates of the B.M.E. program receive Pennsylvania certification to teach K-12 instrumental, vocal and general music. Additionally, the degree includes an “individualized emphasis” based on the student’s strengths and interests. B.M.E. graduates are prepared to enter the classroom and have successful careers as an elementary, middle, or high school music teachers.

**Opportunities for Graduate Studies**

Because the music education degree program develops a complete, well-rounded musician, graduates are prepared to pursue graduate study in not only music education, but all other areas of music as well. Graduate study in performance, conducting, theory and composition, musicology, and more are all possible with a B.M.E. degree.

**University Requirements and General Education Notes:**

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL/CAS 137 in the fall semester and ENGL/CAS 138 in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30 and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.