



Northern Illinois University

Bachelor of Arts in Music - World Music Track

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Degree Path - Catalog 2023-2024

A successful instrumental or vocal audition OR portfolio submission and interview is required for admission to the School of Music and ability to declare a music major.

Semester 1		Credits	Success Marker	Semester 2		Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	*Applied Music Requirement - A. World Music Option - 8 hrs from MUSE 321, 325,370, 372, 373, or 375 (must be enrolled in 2 consec sems to count)		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	**3 courses required from MUHL 220, 221, 222, 223 (MUHL 326 may sub for MUHL 222); 2 courses from MUHL 22x will fulfill Creativity and Critical Analysis Knowledge Domain	
MUTC 100: Music Theory Fundamentals	2			MUTC 206: Contemp Music Theory	2		
MUTC 105: Contemp Aural Skills I	2			MUTC 207: Contemp Aural Skills II	2		
Ensemble (300 level)*	1			Ensemble (300 level)*	1		
MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3			MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3		
Foreign Language I^	3			Foreign Language II*	3		
Foundational Study	3			Foundational Study	3		
				Knowledge Domain	3		
Total hours	14			Total hours	17		
Semester 3		Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4		Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	^Foreign language requirement - 0-12 hrs of one language		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	~ 14 hours of 300/400 level Music Electives receives for Recording Arts focus include - MUTC 314, 315, 316, 320, 323, 324, 400, 401	
MUTC 101: Theory I	2			MUTC 325: Songwriting	2		
MUTC 103: Aural Skills I	2			Ensemble (300 level)*	1		
MUSP 101: Beginning Piano	1			Foundational Study	3		
Ensemble (300 level)*	1			Foundational Study	3		
MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3			Knowledge Domain	3		
MUTC 302: Elec & Comp Music I	2			Foreign Language IV^	3		
Knowledge Domain	3						
Foreign Language III^	3						
Total hours	17			Total hours	15		
Semester 5		Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6		Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS -40 hours of 300/400 credits - 1 Human Diversity Course (MUHL 326 can fulfill this requirement) 2 Writing Intensive Courses		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0		
Ensemble (300 level)*	1			Ensemble (300 level)*	1		
Music Elective	3			Music Elective	3		
Music Elective	2			Music Elective	2		
Knowledge Domain	3			Knowledge Domain	3		
Elective	3			Elective	3		
Elective	3			Elective	3		
Total hours	15						Total hours
Semester 7		Credits	Success Marker	Semester 8		Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0			MUSC 399A/B: Sr. Recital or Project	0		
Ensemble (300 level)*	1			Music Elective	2-3		
Music Elective	2			Elective lessons or Ensemble (300 level)*	1		

Elective	3
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Total hours	15

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Total hours	12 - 13

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.

