

# MUSIC (BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION, B.M.E.)

## Overview

The mission of the Music Education program is to prepare outstanding music educators for lifelong careers inspiring today's youth. Our undergraduate program provides a core of knowledge and skills, enhanced by applied learning experiences that ready our graduates for contemporary and current educational practices. Our faculty members are cutting-edge teacher/scholars with national certifications in Orff Schulwerk and Kodaly. They are active scholars and researchers, particularly in the areas of instrumental music, jazz education, choral music, Kodaly, Orff Schulwerk, Laban Movement Analysis, and vocal pedagogy. Graduates move on to be successful general, choral, and instrumental music educators in Missouri and in Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska, and often continue their education in successful graduate programs all over the United States.

All music major degree programs have a concert/recital attendance applied learning activity requirement. To complete the degree, the student must attend 12 approved performances each semester for a total of 6 semesters. This is in addition to all coursework for any music major degree. Attendance requirements and an approved listing of concerts/recitals are provided at the beginning of each regular semester. Most students are able to complete the BME in nine (9) total semesters.

Whether instrumental music or vocal music is your passion, you can tailor your music education degree with the concentration that matches your interest.

## Key Certifications & Licensures for Music Education in Missouri

### 1. Initial Professional Certificate (IPC) / Certificate of License to Teach

- This is the entry-level teaching certificate in Missouri that allows you to teach in public schools.
- Requirements include: completion of a teacher preparation program at a Missouri institution approved by DESE, a recommendation from the institution, a baccalaureate degree, achieving the required GPA in content and professional education coursework, and passing required assessments.

### 2. Missouri Content Assessment for Music (Praxis / Missouri Content Assessment: Music Instrumental & Vocal, Grades K-12, Test Code 043)

- Prospective music teachers must pass this assessment to show competence in music content. (MWSU students must take this prior to student teaching, must pass to student teach)
- The passing (qualifying) score as with other content assessments in Missouri is 220 on the 100-300 scale.

### 3. Professional Knowledge / Other State-Required Assessments

- Depending on the route and program, there may be additional required tests (pedagogical, general skills, etc.), often part of the Praxis series or Missouri's certification assessments.
- Examples: "Professional Knowledge" test, fingerprint/background checks, possibly TB tests etc.

### 4. Student Teaching / Clinical Experience

- A supervised practicum and student teaching experience is required as part of the teacher preparation program. This is part of earning the B.M.E. and satisfying the certification requirements.

### 5. GPA Requirements

- Minimum GPAs in both content area courses and education/professional education courses are required. For example, DESE requires a minimum of 2.50 in both content area coursework and professional education coursework.
- Some "alternative" or post-baccalaureate / accelerated paths have higher GPA thresholds (e.g. 2.75).
- (At Missouri Western State University, students need a 3.0 minimum GPA for all professional coursework, and a 2.5 minimum GPA for all coursework taken.)

### 6. Background Checks / Fingerprinting

- To apply for certification, applicants must have a current background check / fingerprint clearance.

### 7. Provisional Certificate / Temporary Authorization (if needed)

- If someone is in progress (e.g. within 12 semester hours of completing a teacher preparation program) or teaching under certain conditions, there's the option for a Provisional (academic contract) Certificate.
- Also, a "Temporary Authorization" route is available for individuals with a bachelor's degree in the content area who have not completed the full teacher preparation. They may teach under a temporary certificate while working toward full certification.

## Admission Admission Requirements

- ACT composite score of 17 or higher
- Overall GPA of 2.50
- Professional GPA of 3.0
- Content GPA of 3.0
- Completion of EDU 202 with a C or higher and credit in EDU 203

\*Contact the Department Chairperson for guidelines and procedures regarding alternative pathways to certification.

## Requirements

Students who choose this bachelor degree program will have no more than 6 years from admission or subsequent declaration to meet the requirements listed below. If certification, accreditation or statutory requirements change and additional requirements become effective during this time, the new requirements take precedence.

**Note:** Students pre-admitted into the bachelor degree program (pre-major) have three years to meet admission requirements before moving to the overall 6 year time-frame allowed to complete the program requirements.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>General Studies</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>42</b>
Students must complete General Studies courses ( <a href="https://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies">https://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies</a> ) <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>46</b>
MUS 100	Concert/Recital Attendance <sup>3</sup>	0
MUS 103	Fundamentals of Music	3
MUS 106	Basic Keyboard Skills I	2
MUS 108	Basic Keyboard Skills II	2
MUS 115	Musicianship I	3
MUS 116	Musicianship I Lab	1
MUS 215	Musicianship II	3
MUS 216	Musicianship II Lab	1
MUS 320	Elementary Music Methods and Materials	3
MUS 348	Music of World Cultures	1
MUS 362	History of Western Music I: Ancient to Classical	3
MUS 363	History of Western Music II: Romanticism to the 21st Century	3
MUS 366	Musicianship III	3
MUS 367	Musicianship III Lab	1
MUS 368	Musicianship IV	2
MUS 490	Senior Recital	1
or MUS 491	Senior Recital	
MUS 1XX (Applied Lessons)		3
MUS 2XX (Applied Lessons)		1
MUS 3XX (Applied Lessons - 2 semesters)		2
MUS 4XX (Applied Lessons)		1
MUS XXX (Large Ensembles)		5
MUS XXX (Chamber Ensembles)		2
<b>Education Professional Sequence</b>		<b>33</b>
EDU 150	Psychological Development for Children & Adolescents for Educators	3
EDU 202	Introduction to Education	3
EDU 203	Participation in Teaching I	1
EDU 225	Educational Psychology	3
EDU 311	Secondary Reading Techniques	3
EDU 315	Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child	3
EDU 376	Applied Teaching Methods and Management	3
EDU 377	School Experience in Teaching	2
EDU 404	Seminar in Secondary Education and Human Relations	3
EDU 409	Secondary Student Teaching III	9
<b>Select one of the following concentrations:</b>		
Instrumental		19
Vocal		17

<sup>1</sup> Music majors must take one of the following: HUM 203 Humanities: Ancient and Medieval, HUM 204 Humanities: Middle Ages to the French

Revolution, HUM 205 Humanities: American Revolution to the Present, ENG 210 Approaches to Literature, ART 100 Introduction to Art, or THR 113 Introduction to Theatre for NASM accreditation.

<sup>2</sup> Courses in general studies may also be required within the major. While the course(s) may satisfy both requirements, the credit hours will count only one time in the overall hours earned.

<sup>3</sup> Students must take 6 semesters of MUS 100 Concert/Recital Attendance.

Concentrations:  
Instrumental (p. 2)  
Vocal (p. 2)

## Instrumental Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
MUS 109	Functional Voice Class	2
MUS 206	Keyboard Proficiency for Instrumentalists	2
MUS 307	Percussion Methods and Materials	2
MUS 308	String Methods and Materials	2
MUS 325	Marching Band Techniques	1
MUS 337	Brass Methods & Materials	2
MUS 353	Woodwind Methods and Materials	2
MUS 442	Instrumental Conducting	3
MUS 468	Middle and High School Instrumental Methods	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>19</b>

## Vocal Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
MUS 111	Functional Instrumental Techniques	2
MUS 201	Diction for Singers	3
MUS 208	Keyboard Proficiency for Vocalists	2
MUS 328	Song and Choral Literature	2
MUS 334	Pedagogical Practices: Voice	2
MUS 441	Choral Conducting	3
MUS 467	Middle and High School Choral Methods	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

## Additional Teaching Certification

The department strongly recommends additional teaching certification for all BME music majors.

Candidates for the Bachelor of Music in Education degree with a Instrumental Concentration may achieve state vocal certification with the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MUS 201	Diction for Singers	3
MUS 328	Song and Choral Literature	2
MUS 441	Choral Conducting	3

MUS 467	Middle and High School Choral Methods	3
---------	---------------------------------------	---

Candidates for the Bachelor of Music in Education degree with a Vocal Concentration may achieve state instrumental certification with the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MUS 307	Percussion Methods and Materials	2
MUS 308	String Methods and Materials	2
MUS 337	Brass Methods & Materials	2
MUS 353	Woodwind Methods and Materials	2
MUS 442	Instrumental Conducting	3
MUS 468	Middle and High School Instrumental Methods	3

## Program Graduation Requirements

1. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.50 and a major GPA of 3.0.
2. Earn a grade of C or better in all major coursework.

## University Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 continuing education credit hours applicable).
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
4. Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
5. Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
6. Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.