



Four-Year Degree Plan: Bachelor of Arts in Music Theory (Extended)

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This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Arts in Music Theory (Extended) 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	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	MTH 1XXX	Quantitative Literacy	3
COM 1010	Presentational Speaking	3	ENG 1020	Freshman Composition	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 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 261B	Class Piano III	1	MUS 262B	Class Piano IV	1
MUS 271X	Private Instruction III	2	MUS 272X	Private Instruction IV	2
MUS 3650	Basic Techniques of Composition	2	MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6	GEN STU	General Studies Requirements	3
Semester 3 Total		16	Semester 4 Total		14

Year Three					
Semester 5			Semester 6		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 2150	Jazz Theory (**Note 3)	3	MUS 3100	Counterpoint (**Note 3)	3
MUS 3210	Music History I	3	MUS 3220	Music History II	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	6	MUS 38XX	Ensemble (World) (****Note 4)	1
GEN ELEC	General Electives	3	GEN ELEC	General Electives	6
			CONC	Additional Required Courses	2
Semester 5 Total		16	Semester 6 Total		16

Year Four					
Semester 7			Semester 8		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2	MUS 3260	Prof. Dev for 21st Cent Musicians	3
MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1	MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 4800	Seminar in Music Repertoire	2	MUS 38XX	Ensemble	1
GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3	MUS 4110	Analysis of Music (**Note 3)	2
GEN ELEC	General Electives	6	MUS 4950	Senior Project	3
			GEN STU	General Studies Requirement	3
			CONC	Additional Required Courses	2
Semester 7 Total		14	Semester 8 Total		15

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. See reverse.

***Note 3: Offered every other year.

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

^Note 5: MUS 3460 and either MUS 3410, 3430, or 3450 are prerequisites for MUS 3150

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

Detailed Course Listing

General Studies		
--	Second semester foreign language	3
--	Additional General Studies	30
General Studies Total		33

Core Requirements		
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance (2 Semesters)	0
MUS	Music Theory I, II, III, IV	12
MUS	Music Theory Lab I, II, III, IV	4
MUS 16XX	Class Piano I, II	2
MUS 17XX	Private Instruction I, II	4
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3
MUS 32XX	Music History I, II	6
MUS 38XX	Ensemble (World)	1
Core Requirements Total		32

Additional Degree Requirements		
	Select 4 credits from the following:	
MUS 2660	Elec Music Comp (**Note 3)	1
MUS 3000	Musics of America	3
MUS 3020	History of Jazz	3
MUS 3150	Arrange & Orchestration (^Note 5)	2
MUS 3160	Jazz Comp & Arranging (**Note 3)	1
MUS 3410	String Techniques & Pedagogy	1
MUS 3430	Woodwind Techniques & Pedagogy	1

MUS 3450	Brass Techniques & Pedagogy	1
MUS 3460	Percussion Techniques & Pedagogy	1
MUS 3540	Advanced Conducting	2

Specific Degree Requirements Continued		
MUS 0020	Recital Attend (2 addl semesters)	0
MUS 1650	Basic Music Technology	1
MUS 2150	Jazz Theory (**Note 3)	3
MUS 26XX	Class Piano III, IV	2
MUS 27XX	Private Instruction III, IV	4
MUS 3100	Counterpoint (**Note 3)	3
MUS 3260	Prof. Develop for 21st Cent. Mus	3
MUS 3510	Basic Conducting	2
MUS 3640	Improvisation	1
MUS 3650	Basic Techniques of Composition	2
MUS 4110	Analysis of Music (**Note 3)	2
MUS 4800	Seminar in Music Repertoire	2
MUS 4960	Senior Project	3
Specific Degree Requirements Total		28

Program Totals	
General Studies Requirements	33
Core Requirements	32
Specific Degree Requirements	28
Ensembles	8
Electives	15
Additional Required Courses	4
Total to Graduate	120



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