



Northern Illinois  
University

## Bachelor of Arts in Music - Portfolio/World Music Track

### College of Visual and Performing Arts

*Degree Path - Catalog 2024-2025*

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)  ^Foreign language requirement - 0-12 hrs of one language sequence	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	3		MUTC 206: Contemp Music Theory	3	
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 - ENGL 103	3		Foundational Study - ENGL 203	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>Total hours</b>	<b>13</b>	
Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	~ at 16 hours of 300/400 level Music Electives; music elective course credits will vary	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	Recommended Electives for Recording Arts focus include - MUTC 315, 316, 320, 323, 324, 400, 401, 403
MUTC 101: Theory I	2		Foundational Study - COMS 100	3	
MUTC 103: Aural Skills I	2		Ensemble (300 level)*	1	
MUSP 101: Beginning Piano	1		Knowledge Domain	3	
Ensemble (300 level)*	1		MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3	
Foundational Study - MATH 101	3		Foreign Language IV^	3	
Foreign Language III^	3		Music Elective	3	
Music Elective	3				
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total hours</b>	<b>16</b>	
Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	*Additional ensembles (1) may count towards music electives  Additional music electives, beyond 16 may be taken in place of general electives.	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
Ensemble (300 level)*	1		Ensemble (300 level)*	1	
MUTC 302: Elec & Comp Music I	2		MUTC 325: Songwriting	2	
Music Elective	2		Music Elective	2	
Music Elective	2		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Total hours</b>	<b>17</b>	
Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 8	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS include: 40 hours of coursework taken is to be at the 300/400 level along with completing 1 Human Diversity Course and 2 Writing Infused Courses. The Human Diversity and Writing Infused requirements are often filled through general education or other elective coursework.	MUSC 399B: Senior Project	0	
Ensemble (300 level)*	1		Music Elective	2	
Music Elective	2		Ensemble (300 level)*	1	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Scores in optional placement exams - foundational studies competency and/or language exams - as well as the completion of AP exams and/or college credit may change the plan. This should **not** be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students need to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.