



A successful instrumental or vocal audition is required for admission to the School of Music and ability to declare a music major. - To be eligible for the composition emphasis, a successful composition portfolio review must *also* be completed before the 5th semester of study; students will start in a different Music track until a portfolio is approved.

Semester 1	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 2	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	A composition portfolio to officially be accepted to the Composition emphasis is due no later than the 5th semester of study.	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUTC 101: Theory I	2		MUTC 102: Theory II	2	
MUTC 103: Aural Skills I	2		MUTC 104: Aural Skills II	2	
Primary Inst/Voice Study (200 level)	2		Primary Inst/Voice Study (200 level)	2	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
MUSP 101: Beginning Piano*	1		MUSP 102: Intermediate Piano*	1	
Foundational Study - ENGL 103	3		Foundational Study - ENGL 203	3	
Foundational Study - MATH 101	3		Foundational Study - COMS 100	3	
MUTC 200: Composition Secondary*	1		MUTC 200: Composition Secondary*	1	
Total hours	15		Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: *36-37 Music hours, including 200 and/or 300 level composition study and other approved electives by advisor and composition faculty are required. Part of these hours include at least 2 semesters of keyboard study (MUSP 101 and MUSP 102). Private secondary piano study (MUSP 110) may be substituted with faculty approval. Otherwise a proficiency exam may be taken and hours are filled through other electives.					
Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	**MUSP 103 or MUSP 110 (with faculty approval) may be taken as part of the 36-37 hours of electives. Faculty will determine if needed based on piano progress/experience and/or proficiency exam results	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	~sophomore proficiency exam
MUTC 201: Theory III	2		MUTC 202: Theory IV	2	
MUTC 203: Aural Skills III	2		MUTC 204: Aural Skills IV	2	
Primary Inst/Voice Study (200 level)	2		Primary Inst/Voice Study (200 level)~	2	
Ensemble (300 level)*	1		Ensemble (300 level)*	1	
MUSP 103: Advanced Piano**	0-1		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
MUTC 200: Composition Secondary*	1		MUTC 200: Composition Secondary*	1	
Total hours	14- 15		Total hours	17	
Notes/Comments: Music Electives range from 2-4 credits. How these credits are achieved will vary on course selection/student's path. It may be multiple 1 credit music courses, or some other combination, to reach the min. 36 hrs of 200-300 level in Composition and 4 additional Music hours					
Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUHL 321: Music History I	3		MUHL 322: Music History II	3	
Primary Inst/Voice Study (300 level)	2		MUTC 301: Music Theory V	2	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Primary Inst/Voice Study (300 level)	2	
MUTC 300: Composition Primary*	4		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Elective: Music*	2		MUTC 300: Composition Primary*	4	
Elective: Music*	2		Elective: Music*	2	
			Elective: Music*	2	
Total hours	14			Total hours	
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	MUSC 399B: Senior Project or Composition	0	General elective may be 0, 1, or 2 credits based on piano classes/proficiency and
Ensemble (300 level)	1		MUTC 300: Composition Primary*	4	
MUHL 323: 20th c. Music History	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
MUTC 300: Composition Primary*	4		Elective: Music**	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Elective: Music**	3-4	
Elective: Music**	3		Elective	2-0	
Total hours	14		Total hours	14 - 15	
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.					