

Performance - Instrumental Music

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Degree Path - Catalog 2024-2025

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Semester 1	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 2	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	*MUSP 110: Secondary Piano may be subsituted for group piano with faculty consent	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	
MUSP 101: Beginning Group	1		MUSP 102: Intermed Group	1	
Piano* Primary Inst Study (200 level)	4		Piano* Primary Inst Study (200 level)	4	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Foundational Study - ENGL 103	3		Foundational Study - ENGL	3	
Foundational Study - MATH 101	3		203 Foundational Study - COMS 100	3	
Total hours	16		Total hours	16	
Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
		Success Marker			~ Sophomore
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	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 Study (200 level)	4		Primary Inst Study (200 level)~	4	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
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Total hours	15		Total hours	15	
Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS include:	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUHL 321: Music History I	3	40 hours of coursework	MUHL 322: Music History II	3	
MUSP 335: Conducting I	2	taken is to be at the 300/400	MUSP 336: Conducting II	2	
Primary Inst Study (300 level)	4	level along with completing 1	Primary Inst Study (300 level)	4	
Ensemble (300 level)	1	Human Diversity Course and	Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Ensemble (300 level)	1	2 Writing Infused Courses. The Human Diversity and	Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Knowledge Domain	3	Writing Infused requirements		2	
Knowledge Domain	3	are often filled through	Knowledge Domain	3	
Total hours	17	general education or other elective coursework.	Total hours	16	
Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 8	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0		MUSC 399A: Senior Recital	0	
MUHL 323: 20th Cent. Music	3		Elective: MUHL	3	
History (See note) Elective: MUTC	3		Primary Inst Study (300 level)	4	
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Primary Inst Study (300 level)	4		Ensemble (300 level) Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		, ,	1	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Elective: Music	3	
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Total hours	13		Total hours	12	

Notes/Comments: MUTC 301: Theory V (2 credits) can be taken instead of MUHL 323 (3 credits). If so, take MUHL 301 (only offered in Spring) in Sem. 6. Talk with your advisor on how best to reorganize your schedule with other required classes and the semesters in which

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.