



Northern Illinois
University

Performance - Keyboard Instrumental

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Degree Path - Catalog 2024-2025

A successful instrumental audition 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		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUTC 101: Theory I	2		MUTC 102: Theory II	2	
MUTC 103: Aural Skills	2		MUTC 104: Aural Skills II	2	
Primary Keyboard Study (200 level)	4		Primary Keyboard Study (200 level)	4	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Foundational Study - ENGL 103	3		Foundational Study - ENGL 203	3	
Foundational Study - MATH 101	3		Foundational Study - COMS 100	3	
Total hours	15		Total hours	15	
Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0		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 Keyboard Study (200 level)	4		Primary Keyboard Study (200 level)~	4	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Total hours	15		Total hours	15	
Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0		MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS -40 hours of 300/400 credits - 1 Human Diversity Course (MUHL 326 can fulfill this requirement) - 2 Writing Intensive Courses
MUHL 321: Music History I	3		MUHL 322: Music History II	3	
Primary Keyboard Study (300 level)	4		Primary Keyboard Study (300 level)	4	
MUSP 335: Conducting I	2		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Elective: MUHL	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Elective: Music	2	
Total hours	16		Total hours	16	
Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 8	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	• Offered every other year - may take in Sem. 5 and 6; Harpsichord majors take MUHL 437 and 9 credits of music electives instead of 7; consult advisor for schedule adjustments	MUSC 399 A: Senior Recital	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
MUHL 323: 20th Cent. Music History (See note)	3		MUHL 438 or 436: Piano/Organ Lit II*	2	
MUHL 437 or 435: Piano/Organ Lit I*	2		Primary Keyboard Study (300 level)	4	
Primary Keyboard Study (300 level)	4		Ensemble (300 level)	1	

Ensemble (300 level)	1	Elective: Music	2	Writing Infused Courses. The Human Diversity and Writing Infused requirements are often filled through general edu. or elective coursework.
Elective: MUTC	2	Elective: Music	3	
MUSP 339: Accompanying	1	Elective	3	
Total hours	13	Total hours	15	
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 they are offered.				
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.				