



Northern Illinois
University

Performance - Vocal Music

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Degree Path - Catalog 2024-2025

A successful vocal 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	*MUSP 110: Secondary Piano may be substituted 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	2		MUTC 104: Aural Skills II	2	
MUSP 101: Beginning Group Piano*	1		MUSP 102: Interm Group Piano*	1	
MUSP 214: Voice	4		MUSP 214: Voice	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	16		Total hours	16	
Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	**Before graduation, demonstrate a foreign language proficiency equivalent to one year of college instruction in French, Italian, or German. Fulfilled by a.) documented proof of at least two years of high school foreign language instruction in French, Italian, or German with an average grade of C or better; b.) demonstrating competency through a proficiency examination; c.) or completing a one-year foreign language sequence	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	~ Sophomore Proficiency Exam Diction classes offered alt. years - may move/swap with class in different semester.
MUSP 103: Advanced Group Piano*	1		MUSP 103: Advanced Group Piano*	1	
MUTC 201: Theory III	2		MUTC 202: Theory IV	2	
MUTC 203: Aural Skills III	2		MUTC 204: Aural Skills IV	2	
MUSP 214: Voice	4		MUSP 214: Voice~	4	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
MUSP 205: Diction for Singers I	2		MUSP 206: Diction for Singers II	2	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Foreign Language**	0 - 5		Foreign Language**	0 - 5	
Total hours	15 - 20		Total hours	15 - 20	
Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	^^MUTC 308: Choral Arranging is recommended. Offered in Fall only	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUHL 321: Music History I	3		MUHL 322: Music History II	3	
MUSP 335: Conducting I	2		MUSP 314: Voice	4	
MUSP 314: Voice	4		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Elective: MUTC^^	2				
Total hours	16		Total hours	15	
Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 8	Credits	
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS include: 40 hours of coursework taken is	MUSC 399A: Senior Recital	0	
MUHL 323: 20th Cent. Music History (See note)	3		Elective: MUHL	3	

MUSP 314: Voice	4	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.	MUSP 314: Voice	4	Elective credits may be fewer depending on whether or not language was taken to reach 120 hours
Ensemble (300 level)	1		Ensemble (300 level)	1	
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Knowledge Domain	3		Elective	3	
Knowledge Domain	3				
Total hours	15		Total hours	13	
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.					