



This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [15 Credit Hours]					
MUS 11121 Theory	3		C-	■	MUS 11111 Music Rudiments may be required before MUS 11121, based on theory placement
MUS 22111 The Understanding of Music	3		C-	■	Fulfills Kent Core Fine Arts; music major section only; offered in fall only.
MUS 36111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 2
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required for transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Two: [17 Credit Hours]					
MUS 11122 Theory	3		C-	■	
MUS 22121 Music As a World Phenomenon	3		C-	■	Offered in spring only; music major section only; fulfill Kent Core Fine Arts and global diversity
MUS 36111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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Semester Three: [14 Credit Hours]					
MUS 21121 Music Theory to 1750	3		C-	■	Offered in fall only
MUS 36111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Four: [17 Credit Hours]					
MUS 21122 Music Theory, 1750-1900	3		C-	■	Offered in spring only
MUS 36111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total; take 46000-level exam
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 2
Music Elective (lower or upper division)	3		C-	■	
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Five: [16 Credit Hours]					
MUS 32211 Music History to 1750	3	■	C-	■	Offered in fall only
MUS 46111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 2
MUS 34111 Elementary Conducting	2	■	C-	■	Offered in fall only
MUS 42241 Piano Literature	3	■	C-	■	Offered every 2 years in fall only
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Six: [17-18 Credit Hours]					
MUS 32212 Music History, 1750 to 1900	3	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; offered in spring only
MUS 46111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 below
MUS 41341 Jazz Improvisation I or MUS 48512 Improvisation	1-2	■	C-	■	
MUS 41151 18th-Century Counterpoint	3	■	C-	■	
MUS 48211 Introduction to Piano Pedagogy	2	■	C-	■	Offered every two years in spring only
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2



Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas.

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Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
MUS 31121 Western Music Since 1900	2	■	C-	■	
MUS 46111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 below
MUS 41131 Keyboard Harmony	3	■	C-	■	Available as needed
MUS 48221 Elements of Accompanying I	2	■	C-	■	Offered every 2 years in fall only
Music Elective (lower or upper division)	3		C-	■	
Semester Eight: [13-14 Credit Hours]					
Note: successful completion of a major-field achievement test in music history and music theory					
MUS 46111 Applied Music: Piano	4	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 16 credit hours total
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 1 below
MUS 48222 Elements of Accompanying II	2	■	C-	■	Offered every two years in spring only
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	3-4				Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 125 credit hours and minimum 39 upper-division hours

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Diversity Course Global / Domestic	Writing-Intensive	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
125	39	36	MUS 22121/Kent Core or General Electives	MUS 32212	2.25	2.00

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Composition (6-8 credit hours) <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences and minimum one course from fine arts</i>	6 credits fulfilled in this major with MUS 22111 and 22121; must select course from Humanities category; MUS 22121 fulfills global diversity	3
Social Sciences (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	6
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
Additional (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	6

Note 1: Major ensemble (8 semesters and 8 credit hours): Students must enroll in a major ensemble appropriate to their major performance area each semester they are registered full time as music majors. Piano Performance majors must take 4 credit hours of MUS 45321, 2 credit hours of MUS 45311 and minimum 2 credit hours selected from MUS 45311 or a major vocal or instrumental ensemble.

MUS 45111 University Choir	1	MUS 45212 Orchestra	1
MUS 45121 Kent Chorus	1	MUS 45221 Concert Band	1
MUS 45141 Kent State University Chorale	1	MUS 45223 Wind Ensemble	1
MUS 45142 Men's Chorus	1	MUS 45311 Chamber Music	1-2
MUS 45143 Women's Chorus	1	MUS 45321 Accompanying	1-2

Additional Notes for the BM Music–Piano Performance program:

- Students who begin a music or music education program as first semester freshmen, are required to attend a minimum four-year total of 84 concerts or recitals. Students who transfer from a non-music program or university must attend an average of 10 music recitals or concerts for semesters of full time enrollment.
- Piano Performance students are required to perform a half junior and a full senior recital.
- Applied music courses are available in the summer on selected instruments.



Kent Core

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core for course list.

Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity for course list.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Upper-Division Requirement

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

Foreign Language

Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/foreign-languages for course list.

