



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 36XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
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: [16 Credit Hours]					
MUS 11122 Theory	3		C-	■	
MUS 22121 Music As a World Phenomenon	3		C-	■	Fulfills Kent Core Fine Arts; music major section only; offered in spring only; fulfills global diversity requirement
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS Elective (lower or upper division)	2	■	C-	■	
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Three: [16 Credit Hours]					
MUS 21121 Music Theory to 1750	3		C-	■	Offered in fall only
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 45311 Chamber Music	1	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 4 credit hours total
MUS 27111 Piano Class or MUS 27112 Piano Class or MUS 36111 Applied Music—Piano or MUS 46111 Applied Music—Piano	2		C-	■	Enrollment based on placement test; additional remedial courses may be required
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
General Elective (lower or upper division)	2				
Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]					
MUS 21122 Music Theory, 1750–1900	3		C-	■	Offered in spring only
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3; take 46000-level exam
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 27111 Piano Class or MUS 27112 Piano Class or MUS 36111 Applied Music—Piano or MUS 46111 Applied Music—Piano	2		C-	■	Enrollment based on placement test; additional remedial courses may be required
MUS 45311 Chamber Music	1	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 4 credit hours total
Music Electives	2		C-	■	
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 46XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 34111 Elementary Conducting	2	■	C-	■	Offered in fall only
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				


Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

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Semester Six: [15-16 Credit Hours]					
MUS 32212 Music History, 1750 to 1900	3	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; offered in spring only
MUS 46XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 41341 Jazz Improvisation I or MUS 48512 Improvisation	1-2	■	C-	■	
MUS 42161 History of Jazz or MUS 42221 Symphonic Literature or MUS 42222 Chamber Music Literature	3	■	C-	■	MUS 42221 offered in spring only
MUS 44121 Instrumental Conducting and Arranging	3	■	C-	■	Offered in spring only
Semester Seven: [15-16 Credit Hours]					
MUS 31121 Western Music Since 1900	2	■	C-	■	Offered in fall only
MUS 46XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 45311 Chamber Music	1	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 4 credit hours total
MUS 48257 Pedagogy: Instrumental	2	■	C-	■	
MUS Elective (lower or upper division)	1-2	■	C-	■	2 credits are required if MUS 48512 is taken
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
General Elective (lower or upper division)	1				Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 125 credit hours and minimum 39 upper-division hours
Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]					
Note: successful completion of a major-field achievement test in music history and music theory					
MUS 46XXX Applied Music	4	■	C-	■	See note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	■	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 45311 Chamber Music	1	■	C-	■	Course repeated for 4 credit hours total
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary below
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
125	39	36	MUS 22121/Kent Core or General Electives	MUS 32212	Senior Recital or visit kent.edu/catalog/elr	2.250	2.000

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)	May fulfill diversity requirement	6



Note 1: Applied music (32 total credit hours:16 credits at 36000 level, 16 credits at 46000 level) based on instrument of acceptance into the Instrumental concentration. The 46000 level may be taken following a successful 46000 level barrier exam.

MUS 36411/46411 Applied Music—Violin	4	MUS 36515/46515 Applied Music—Saxophone	4
MUS 36412/46412 Applied Music—Viola	4	MUS 36611/46611 Applied Music—Trumpet	4
MUS 36413/46413 Applied Music—Cello	4	MUS 36612/46612 Applied Music—Horn	4
MUS 36414/46414 Applied Music—Double Bass	4	MUS 36613/46613 Applied Music—Trombone	4
MUS 36511/46511 Applied Music—Flute	4	MUS 36614/46614 Applied Music—Euphonium	4
MUS 36512/46512 Applied Music—Oboe	4	MUS 36615/46615 Applied Music—Tuba	4
MUS 36513/46513 Applied Music—Clarinet	4	MUS 36711/46711 Applied Music—Percussion	4
MUS 36514/46514 Applied Music—Bassoon	4		

Note 2: 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 until the semester requirement has been completed

MUS 45212 Orchestra	1	MUS 45223 Wind Ensemble	1
MUS 45221 Concert Band	1		

Additional Notes for the BM Music—Instrumental 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.
- Instrumental Performance students are required to perform a half junior and a full senior recital. Applied music registration at the 46000 level is required during a degree recital semester. The senior recital may be used to satisfy the Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR).
- Applied music courses are available in the summer on selected instruments.
- Upon completion of 60 semester hours, each student is required to contact the Office of Advising and Academic Services to obtain a current evaluation of progress toward completion of the student's chosen degree program.

Students who pass 15 credits of non-remedial academic coursework each fall and spring semester and the 1-credit First Year Experience course will accumulate 121 credits in four years. This major requires 125 credits for graduation. Students can stay on track for graduation by:

- Declaring their major as freshmen and completing all courses in sequence (bear in mind that switching majors may cause a delay in graduation);
- Prioritizing required courses above electives;
- Meeting regularly with their academic advisors to stay on track;
- Passing each required course the first time attempted and maintaining the minimal GPA for the major;
- Successfully completing more than 15 credit hours of relevant coursework (field-based work, internship) during academic semesters; and/or
- Completing relevant coursework (field-based work, internship) during summer sessions.

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.

Experiential Learning Requirement

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr 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.