

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

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Type	Term Taken
Semester One [15 Credits]							
!	MUS 11121 Theory ¹	3		C	■		
!	MUS 22111 The Understanding of Music (music major section)	3		C	■	KFA	
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 31211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 36XXX Applied Music ⁷	2	■	C	■		
	US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience ²	1					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Two [15 Credits]							
!	MUS 11122 Theory ¹	3		C	■		
!	MUS 22121 Music as a World Phenomenon (music major section)	3		C	■	DG/KFA	
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 31211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 36XXX Applied Music ⁷	2	■	C	■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	General Elective (lower or upper-division)	1					
Semester Three [16 Credits]							
!	MUS 21121 Music Theory to 1750 ¹	3		C	■		
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 31211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 36XXX Applied Music ⁷	2	■	C	■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	General Elective (lower or upper-division)	2					
Semester Four [16 Credits]							
!	MUS 21122 Music Theory From 1750 to 1900 ¹	3		C	■		
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 31211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 36XXX Applied Music ⁷	2	■	C	■		
	Music Elective	2		C	■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Five [15 Credits]							
!	MUS 32211 Music History to 1750	3	■	C	■		
!	MUS 48251 Pedagogy of Music Theory ⁵	2	■	C	■		
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 41211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 34111 Elementary Conducting	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 36XXX Applied Music ⁷	2	■	C	■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Six [15 - 16 Credits]							
!	MUS 32212 Music History 1750 to 1900 ⁴	3	■	C	■	WIC	
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 36XXX Applied Music ⁷	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 41131 Keyboard Harmony ⁵	3	■	C	■		
	MUS 41211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 41341 Jazz Improvisation I (2) or MUS 48512 Improvisation ⁸ (1)	1 - 2	■	C	■		
	MUS 44111 Choral Conducting and Arranging or MUS 44121 Instrumental Conducting and Arranging	3	■	C	■		
Semester Seven [17 Credits]							
!	MUS 31121 Western Music Since 1900	2	■	C	■		
!	MUS 41141 Sixteenth-Century Counterpoint	3	■	C	■		
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
	MUS 41211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
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Semester Eight [15 - 16 Credits]							
Note: successful completion of a major-field achievement test in music history and music theory							
!	MUS 41299 Senior Project: Music Composition	2	■	C	■	ELR	
!	Major ensemble ⁶	1	■	C	■		
!	MUS 41151 Eighteenth-Century Counterpoint ⁵	3	■	C	■		
	MUS 41161 Advanced Musical Analysis	3	■	C	■		
	MUS 41211 Composition ³	2	■	C	■		
	MUS 41321 Orchestration	3	■	C	■		
	Music Elective ⁸	1 - 2		C	■		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA
125	39	36	2.250	2.000

1. A minimum 3.000 GPA is required in music theory courses (MUS 11121, 11122, 21121, 21122) in the Composition concentration.
2. US 10097 is not required of transfer students with 25 credits or students age 21+ at time of admission.
3. Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
4. A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
5. Prerequisite: pass a theory/composition proficiency exam and portfolio review; available as needed
6. 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. *Composition majors may use MUS 45271 New Music Ensemble for up to 4 semesters of the 8 semester requirement.

Choose from the following

MUS 45111 University Choir (1)	MUS 45121 Kent Chorus (1)
MUS 45141 Kent State University Chorale (1)	MUS 45142 Men's Chorus (1)
MUS 45143 Women's Chorus (1)	MUS 45212 Orchestra (1)
MUS 45221 Concert Band (1)	MUS 45223 Wind Ensemble (1)
MUS 45271 New Music Ensemble* (1)	

7. Applied music (6 semesters and 12 credit hours): Students whose main instrument is piano may fulfill this requirement with piano only or can include one or two semesters with a different instrument. Students whose main instrument is not piano must take two semesters of Applied Music-Piano. A piano placement test or piano audition is required and additional remedial courses may be necessary. Students must meet the 46000-entry-level prior to graduation.

Choose from the following:

MUS 36111 Applied Music-Piano (2)	MUS 46111 Applied Music-Piano (2)
MUS 36311 Applied Music-Voice (2)	MUS 46311 Applied Music-Voice (2)
MUS 36411 Applied Music-Violin (2)	MUS 46411 Applied Music-Violin (2)
MUS 36412 Applied Music-Viola (2)	MUS 46412 Applied Music-Viola (2)
MUS 36413 Applied Music-Cello (2)	MUS 46413 Applied Music-Cello (2)
MUS 36414 Applied Music-Double Bass (2)	MUS 46414 Applied Music-Double Bass (2)
MUS 36511 Applied Music-Flute (2)	MUS 46511 Applied Music-Flute (2)
MUS 36512 Applied Music-Oboe (2)	MUS 46512 Applied Music-Oboe (2)
MUS 36513 Applied Music-Clarinet (2)	MUS 46513 Applied Music-Clarinet (2)
MUS 36514 Applied Music-Bassoon (2)	MUS 46514 Applied Music-Bassoon (2)
MUS 36515 Applied Music-Saxophone (2)	MUS 46515 Applied Music-Saxophone (2)
MUS 36611 Applied Music-Trumpet (2)	MUS 46611 Applied Music-Trumpet (2)
MUS 36612 Applied Music-Horn (2)	MUS 46612 Applied Music-Horn (2)
MUS 36613 Applied Music-Trombone (2)	MUS 46613 Applied Music-Trombone (2)
MUS 36614 Applied Music-Euphonium (2)	MUS 46614 Applied Music-Euphonium (2)
MUS 36615 Applied Music-Tuba (2)	MUS 46615 Applied Music-Tuba (2)
MUS 36711 Applied Music-Percussion (2)	MUS 46711 Applied Music-Percussion (2)

8. If MUS 48512 is taken, take 2 credits of MUS electives.

Additional Notes for the BM Music-Composition 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.
- Composition students fulfill the one-half recital requirement through a performance of original compositions associated with MUS 41299 Senior Project: Music Composition.
- Applied music courses are available in the summer on selected instruments. Composition may also be taken in the summer.
- 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 120 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.

University Requirements Summary

Type	Categories	Course(s) Satisfying Category	Remaining Requirements
KCM	Kent Core I. Composition Enrollment based on placement test	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	6
KMC	Kent Core II. Mathematics and Critical Reasoning Enrollment based on placement test	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	3
KHU	Kent Core III. Humanities Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences; may fulfill diversity requirement	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	3
KFA	Kent Core IV. Fine Arts Minimum one course from the fine arts; may fulfill diversity requirement	MUS 22111	fulfilled
KFH	Kent Core V. Humanities or Fine Arts One additional course from either the humanities or fine arts category, may fulfill diversity requirement.	MUS 22121	fulfilled
KSS	Kent Core VI. Social Sciences Must be selected from two curricular areas; may fulfill diversity requirement	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	6
KBS	Kent Core VII. Basic Sciences Must include one laboratory	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	6
KAD	Kent Core VIII. Additional May fulfill diversity requirement	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	6
DD	Domestic Diversity Course Requirement Either domestic or global diversity must be from Kent Core	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity	one course
DG	Global Diversity Course Requirement Either domestic or global diversity must be from Kent Core	MUS 22121	fulfilled
ELR	Experiential Learning Requirement Either course or non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member	MUS 41299	fulfilled
WIC	Writing-Intensive Course Requirement Minimum C (2.000) grade	MUS 32212	fulfilled