

Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Min. Grade	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; see note 1 on page 3
MUS 12211 Music of Western Cultures	2		C-	Offered in fall only
Major Ensemble (not counted as upper division)	1		C-	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	2	■	C-	See note 3 on page 3
US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE	1			Not required for transfer students with 25 credits
LER Humanities or Fine Arts	3			Should fulfill diversity requirement; visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER" and "diversity" for course lists
LER Social Sciences	3			
Semester Two: [16-18 Credit Hours]				
MUS 11122 Theory	3		C-	See note 1 on page 3
MUS 12212 Music of Nonwestern Cultures	2		C-	Offered in spring only
Major Ensemble (not counted as upper division)	1		C-	See note 2 on page 3
ENG 11011 College Writing I	3			Enrollment based on placement tests; fulfills LER Composition
MUS 31211 Composition	2	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	2	■	C-	See note 3 on page 3
LER Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3-5			Enrollment based on placement tests
Semester Three: [17-18 Credit Hours]				
MUS 21121 Music Theory to 1750	3		C-	Offered in fall only; see note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble (not counted as upper division)	1		C-	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 31211 Composition	2	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	2	■	C-	See note 3 on page 3
LER Additional	3			Should fulfill diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier; visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER" and "diversity" for course lists
LER Humanities	3			
LER Basic Sciences	2-3			Visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER" for course list
LER Basic Sciences Laboratory	1			
Semester Four: [17 Credit Hours]				
MUS 21122 Music Theory, 1750-1900	3		C-	Offered in spring only; see note 1 on page 3
Major Ensemble (not counted as upper division)	1		C-	See note 2 on page 3
ENG 21011 College Writing II	3			Fulfills LER Composition
MUS 31211 Composition	2	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	2	■	C-	See note 3 on page 3
LER Basic Sciences	3			Visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER"
LER Fine Arts	3			Should fulfill diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier; visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER" and "diversity" for course lists

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Semester Five: [16 Credit Hours]				
MUS 32211 Music History to 1750	3	■	C-	Offered in fall only
MUS 41141 16th-Century Counterpoint	3	■	C-	MUS 41141 and MUS 41151 are taught in alternating years with MUS 48251; offered in fall only
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 31211 Composition	2	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
MUS 34111 Elementary Conducting	2	■	C-	Offered in fall only
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	2	■	C-	See note 3 on page 3
LER Social Sciences	3			Should fulfill diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier; visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER" and "diversity" for course lists
Semester Six: [16-17 Credit Hours]				
MUS 32212 Music History, 1750 to 1900	3	■	C	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; offered in spring only
MUS 41151 18th-Century Counterpoint	3	■	C-	Prerequisite: pass a theory/composition piano proficiency exam; MUS 41141 and MUS 41151 are taught in alternating years with MUS 48251; offered in spring only
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 31111 Advanced Ear Training and Sight Singing	2	■	C-	Available as needed
MUS 36XXX Applied Music	2	■	C-	See note 3 on page 3; take 46000-level exam
MUS 41211 Composition	4	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
MUS 41341 Jazz Improvisation or MUS 48512 Improvisation	1-2	■	C-	MUS 48512 offered in spring only; MUS 41341 may be taken without special approval in fall semesters.
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]				
MUS 31121 Western Music Since 1900	2	■	C-	
MUS 48251 Pedagogy: Music Theory	2	■	C-	Prerequisite: pass a theory/composition piano proficiency exam; MUS 41141 and MUS 41151 are taught in alternating years with MUS 48251
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 37111 Functional Piano	2	■	C-	
MUS 41211 Composition	2	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
LER Additional	3			Should fulfill diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier; visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search "LER" and "diversity" for course lists
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3			
Semester Eight: [17 Credit Hours]				
Required: successful completion of a major-field achievement test in music history and music theory; present senior applied recital, which may be performed concurrently with the composition recital required as part of MUS 41299				
MUS 41181 Acoustics and Technology in Music	2	■	C-	Offered in spring only
MUS 41299 Senior Project: Music Composition	3	■	C-	Includes recital
Major Ensemble	1	■	C-	See note 2 on page 3
MUS 41131 Keyboard Harmony	3	■	C-	Prerequisite: pass a theory/composition piano proficiency exam; available as needed
MUS 41161 Advanced Musical Analysis	3	■	C-	Available as needed
MUS 41211 Composition	2	■	C-	Course repeated for 8 credit hours total
MUS 41321 Orchestration	3	■	C-	Available as needed

Graduation Requirements Summary

Total Hours	Upper-Division Hours	Liberal Education Requirements Hours	Diversity Course Global / Domestic	Writing-Intensive	Minimum	
					Major GPA	Overall GPA
129	39	36	LER or General Elective	MUS 32212	2.25	2.00

Note 1: A minimum 3.0 GPA is required in music theory courses (MUS 11121, 11122, 21121, 21122) in the Composition concentration.

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. The first 4 credit hours of major ensemble apply as lower-division hours; the remaining hours of major ensemble apply as upper-division hours.

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

Note 3: Applied music (6 semesters and 12 credit hours): Must be divided between two instruments (or voice), one of which must be piano. A piano placement test is required and additional remedial courses may be necessary. Students must meet the 46000-entry-level prior to graduation.

MUS 36111/46111 Applied Music–Piano	2	MUS 36514/46514 Applied Music–Bassoon	2
MUS 36311/46311 Applied Music–Voice	2	MUS 36515/46515 Applied Music–Saxophone	2
MUS 36411/46411 Applied Music–Violin	2	MUS 36611/46611 Applied Music–Trumpet	2
MUS 36412/46412 Applied Music–Viola	2	MUS 36612/46612 Applied Music–Horn	2
MUS 36413/46413 Applied Music–Cello	2	MUS 36613/46613 Applied Music–Trombone	2
MUS 36414/46414 Applied Music–Double Bass	2	MUS 36614/46614 Applied Music–Euphonium	2
MUS 36511/46511 Applied Music–Flute	2	MUS 36615/46615 Applied Music–Tuba	2
MUS 36512/46512 Applied Music–Oboe	2	MUS 36711/46711 Applied Music–Percussion	2
MUS 36513/46513 Applied Music–Clarinet	2	MUS 36912/46912 Applied Music–Guitar	2

Additional Notes for the BM Music-Composition program:

- Students begin in the BA degree program. Admission into the BM Music-Composition program requires faculty approval following completion of MUS 21122.
- Students are required to attend a minimum four-year total of 84 concerts or recitals.
- Composition students may fulfill the one-half recital requirement through applied performance, performance/lecture, performance of original compositions or any combination of these.
- Applied music courses are available in the summer on selected instruments. Composition may also be taken in the summer.

Liberal Education Requirements (LER)

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of Liberal Education Requirements. Colleges or degree programs may specify certain courses to fulfill the requirements. Courses in the students' major field will not count toward the completion of any LER. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the LER. None of the courses on the LER list may be taken with a pass/fail grade.

Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic focus and one with a global focus. One course must be come from the LER and cannot be in the student's major. The second course may be taken as a second LER; or within a major or minor; or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade.

Upper-Division Requirement

In general, baccalaureate programs require the successful completion of at least 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.