

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Music Education, PreK-12

Bachelor of Music Education, Vocal Track

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

First Year				
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	
APMU121 CLASS PIANO I	1	APMU1XX INSTRUMENT TECHNIQUES COURSE	1	
APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1	APMU122 CLASS PIANO II	1	
MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1	APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1	
MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0	MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1	
MUSI130 FOUNDATIONS OF MUSIC EDUCATION*	2	MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0	
MUSI161 DICTION I FOR SINGERS	2	MUSI203 MUSIC THEORY II	3	
MUSI201 MUSIC THEORY I	3	MUSI204 AURAL SKILLS II	1	
MUSI202 AURAL SKILLS I	1	GATE I Math, English Literature, or Composition	3	
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FYS100 FIRST YEAR SEMINAR	3	SPEC110 INTRO TO INDIVIDUALS W/ EXCEPTIONALITIES*	3	
Semester Total	17	Semester Total	17	

Second Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
APMU1XX INSTRUMENT TECHNIQUES COURSE	1	APMU124 CLASS PIANO IV	1
APMU123 CLASS PIANO III	1	APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1
APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1	MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1
MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1	MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0
MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0	MUSI221 CLASSICAL & ROMANTIC MUSIC	3
MUSI220 WESTERN MUSIC UNTIL 1750	3	MUSI250 BASIC CONDUCTING	1
MUSI301 MUSIC THEORY III	3	MUSI303 MUSIC THEORY IV	3
MUSI302 AURAL SKILLS III	1	PSYC100 INTRODUCTION TO PYSCHOLOGY	3
GATE I Math, English Literature, or Composition	3	SPEC220 DATA-DRIVEN INTERVENTION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES*	3
ELL320 CULTURAL AWARENESS & SENSITIVITY*	3		
Semester Total	17	Semester Total	16

Third Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
APMU125 CLASS PIANO V	1	APMU1XX INSTRUMENT TECHNIQUES COURSE	1
APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1	APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1
MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1	MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1
MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0	MUEN3XX INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE	1
MUSI304 ORCHESTRATION	2	MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0
MUSI320 MUSIC POST-ROMANTIC TO THE PRESENT	3	MUSI231 POPULAR & JAZZ METHODS	2
MUSI330 GENERAL MUSIC METHODS PREK-12*	3	MUSI333 MUSICAL THEATRE METHODS	1
MUSI350 CHORAL CONDUCTING	3	MUSI430 CHORAL MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS	3
PSYC210 CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR	3	GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3
PSYC211 ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT			
		GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3
Semester Total	17	Semester Total	16

* Course requires regular field observation and practice teaching experiences in Prek-12 school settings

Fourth Year				
Fall Courses Senior Recital	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	
APMU1XX INSTRUMENT TECHNIQUES COURSE	1	MUSI435 STUDENT TEACHING	12	
APMU3XX APPLIED LESSONS, PRIMARY	1	MUSI436 STUDENT TEACHING PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR	0	
MUEN3XX MAJOR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY	1			
MUSI100 RECITAL ATTENDANCE	0			
MUSI230 TECHNOLOGY IN MUSIC EDUCATION	3			
MUSI111 WORLD MUSIC	3			
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE	3			
SPEC330 METHODS OF INSTRUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES*	3			
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	12	

* Course requires regular field observation and practice teaching experiences in Prek-12 school settings

Other Requirements

Proficiencies	Completion date
Sophomore Review (offered in spring semesters) taken in the fourth semester transfer students with more than two semesters take in the first spring semester 	
transfer students with more than two semesters take in the first spring semester Piano Proficiency I	
comprehensive piano skills assessment offered at the conclusion of APMU123 CLASS PIANO III	
Senior Recital	
half-recital (30 minutes of music) performed in the seventh semester	
Admission to Teacher Education (to be completed before taking 300 & 400 level Music Education and	
Special Education coursework):	
Completion of at least 48 credits with 2.8 GPA, or better	
Completion of: • MATH101 OR MATH118 (or equivalent coursework)	
MATH103 (or equivalent coursework)	
WRIT103 (or equivalent coursework) FNGL151 (or equivalent coursework)	
ENGL151 (or equivalent coursework) Demonstration of Professional Promise:	
Submitted to the Office of Field Experiences:	
o TB Tine test	
• Act 151 clearance	
 Act 34 clearance Act 114 PA FBI Fingerprint clearance 	
 Liability insurance 	
 Act 24 Report & Certification form 	
 Act 126 Child Abuse Recognition & Report Training 	
 National Sex Offender Registry Clearance Statement of Understanding, Confidentiality, Professionalism, & Clearance Adherence 	
Satisfactory completion of ACT/SAT, PAPA or CORE tests	
Successful completion of MUSI130 (Foundations of Music Education) & ALL Pre-Professional I Observations	
Successful interview with music education faculty	
Successful completion of requirements to continue as a music major	
Successful completion of the Music Theory & Aural Skills sequence	
Successful completion of the Sophomore Review	
Recommendation from applied music faculty to continue study on student's primary instrument or voice	
PRAXIS II Assessments, taken prior to student teaching	
Music Content Knowledge (minimum score of 158)	
Fundamental Subjects, Content Knowledge (minimum score of 150)	
PDE430 Assessment – administered throughout the student teaching semester	
Vocal Track, Piano students should take 3 semesters of APMU200 in lieu of Class Piano I, II, & III	
Vocal Track, ${\bf Guitar}$ students should take 3 semesters of APMU200 in lieu of Class Piano IV & V and Guitar	
Techniques. Only the First Piano Proficiency is required for Guitar students.	

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Applied Lessons on primary instrument or voice, weekly 30-minute lessons + 50-minute studio class, taken seven semesters (9 Credits)

- APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 1 (1)*
- APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 2 (1)*
- APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 3 (1)*
- APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 4 (1)* _ APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 5 (1)*
- APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 6 (1)*
- APMU3XX Applied [inst or voice], semester 7 (1)*
- MUSI161 Diction I for Singers (2)

Major Choral Ensembles (those meeting 3 hours, or more, each week for the entire semester), taken 7 semesters, plus one semester of Instrumental Ensemble (8 credits)

- _ MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 1 (1)*
- MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 2 (1)*
- _ MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 3 (1)*
- MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 4 (1)*
- MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 5 (1)*
- MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 6 (1)* MUEN3XX Ensemble Name, semester 7 (1)*
- _ MUEN3XX Instrumental Ensemble (1)

Class Piano (5 Credits)

- _ APMU121 Class Piano I (1)
- _ APMU122 Class Piano II (1)
- _ APMU123 Class Piano III (1)
- APMU124 Class Piano IV (1)
- _ APMU125 Class Piano V (1)

Music Theory & Aural Skills (17 Credits)

- _ MUSI201 Music Theory I (3)
- MUSI202 Aural Skills I (1)
- MUSI203 Music Theory II (3)
- MUSI204 Aural Skills II (1)
- MUSI301 Music Theory III (3)* MUSI302 Aural Skills III (1)*
- MUSI303 Music Theory IV (3)*
- _ MUSI304 Orchestration (2) *

Music History & World Music (12 Credits)

- MUSI220 History of Western Music until 1750 (3) *H
- MUSI221 Classical & Romantic Music (3)
- MUSI320 Music Post-Romantic to Present (3)*
- ____ MUSI111 World Music (3) *G

Recital Attendance, taken 7 semesters (0 Credits)

- MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 1 (0)
- MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 2 (0)
- MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 3 (0)
- MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 4 (0) MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 5 (0)
- ____ MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 6 (0)
- _ MUSI100 Recital Attendance, semester 7 (0)

Conducting (4 Credits)

- MUSI250 Basic Conducting (1)
- _ MUSI350 Choral Conducting (3)*

Music Teaching Methods (14 Credits)

- _ MUSI130 Foundations of Music Education (2)
- MUSI230 Technology in Music Education (3) *T
- MUSI231 Popular & Jazz Music Methods (2)
- MUSI330 General Music Methods (3)*
- MUSI333 Musical Theatre Methods (1)*
- MUSI430 Choral Music in the Schools (3)*

Special Education & English Language Learners (12 Credits)

- SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities (3) *S
- SPEC220 Data-Driven Interventions for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)*
- ELL320 Cultural Awareness & Sensitivity (3) *D*



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY Instrument Techniques & Teaching Methods (4 Credits)

Take two courses from the following, representing two instrument families:

- APMU131 Woodwind Techniques I (1)
- APMU132 Woodwind Techniques II (1)
- _ APMU141 Brass Techniques I (1)
- _ APMU142 Brass Techniques II (1)
- ____ APMU151 String Techniques I (1) APMU152 String Techniques II (1)

Take both of the following:

- _ APMU160 Percussion Techniques (1)
- _ APMU171 Guitar Techniques I (1)

Psychology & Development (6 Credits)

- PSYC100 Intro to Psychology (3) *N
- PSYC210 Child Development OR PSYC211 Adolescent Dev (3) *D

PA Department of Education Gate 1 Requirements (12 Credits), must be taken before upper-level (300- & 400-level) education coursework can be attempted

- _ WRIT103 Foundations in Composition (3) *W
- ENGL151 Intro to Literature (3) *L
- ____ MATH101 Math Thinking **OR** MATH118 College Algebra (3) ***Q**
- _ MATH103 Critical Reasoning in Math (3) *R

Student Teaching (12 Credits)

- MUSI435 Music Student Teaching (12)*
- ____ MUSI436 Student Teaching Professional Seminar (0)*

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - First Year Seminar (3)
 - Oral Communications (3)
 - WRIT103 FOUNDATIONS IN COMPOSITION (W), 3
 - MUSI220 WESTERN MUSIC UNTIL 1750 (H), 3
 - MATH101 MATH THINKING OR MATH118 COLLEGE ALGEBRA (Q), 3
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - ELL320 CULTURAL AWARENESS & SENSITIVITY (D), 3 PSYC210 CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR
 - PSYC211 ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT (D), 3 MUSI111 WORLD MUSIC (G), 3
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals) SPEC110 INTRO TO IND'S WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES (S), 3 MATH103 CRITICAL REASONING IN MATHEMATICS (R), 3
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Natural World course (3) PSYC100 INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY (N), 3 MUSI230 TECHNOLOGY IN MUSIC EDUCATION (T), 3
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits) Arts or Creativity course(s) (3) - must be completed with non-music coursework

Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free

elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this

A minimum GPA of 2.8 in the major and overall are required.

with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for

o ENGL151 INTRO TO LITERATURE (or any literature course that fulfills the GE Literature requirement) (L), 3

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Degree Requirements All students must obtain a minimum of 127 credits, complete all General

all graduation requirements.

*Denotes advanced coursework

requirement are designated in

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