



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC
OPEN STUDIES
CONCENTRATION
 AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

NAME	
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CATALOG	
AS/AA/AFA DEGREE	
TRANSFER HOURS	

2026-2027

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Literature	3		
CMN 1310G Intro. to Speech Comm.	3		

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

One course must be Culturally Diverse. **MUS 3562** Non-Western Music Recommended as a Fine Arts General Education Course.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MUS 3553G Musical Masterworks	3		
Humanities Gen Ed	3		
Humanities/Fine Art	3		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
	3		
	3		
	3		

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS: 50 HRS

(47 CREDIT HOURS + 3 DUPLICATE GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS)

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MUS 1102 Navigating the Music Major	1		

MUSIC THEORY: 16 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MUS 1501 (A & B) Comp. Musicianship I	4		
MUS 1502 (A & B) Comp. Musicianship II	4		
MUS 2501 Comp. Musicianship III	4		
MUS 2502 Comp. Musicianship IV	4		

MUSIC HISTORY: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MUS 3553G Musical Masterworks	3*		
MUS 3584 Music History & Lit. I	3		
MUS 3585 Music History & Lit. II	3		

PIANO: 2 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MUS 2203 Functional Skills in Piano I	1		
MUS 2204 Functional Skills in Piano II	1		

RECITAL ATTENDANCE: 2-4 SEMESTERS

Transfer students with 29 or fewer hours must complete **MUS 1103** (4) times; 30-59 transfer hours must complete **MUS 1103** (3) times; 60 or more transfer hours must complete **MUS 1103** (2) times.

SEMESTER

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Semester Hours (SH)
<input type="checkbox"/> 40 SH of upper division courses (3000+)
<input type="checkbox"/> 42 SH in residence at EIU
<input type="checkbox"/> 32 SH junior-senior residency
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 SH senior residency
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Cumulative GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Major GPA

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

One biological and one physical science course, one of which must involve a lab. Four-credit PHY SCI is recommended.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
BIO _____	3		
	4		

MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
	3		

SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

After completion of 75 credits.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
EIU _____	3		

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

Exempt if 2 yrs in high school with "C" average.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER

APPLIED STUDY: 4 HRS OVER 4 SEMESTERS

ENSEMBLE: 6 HRS OVER 6 SEMESTERS

Choose from: **MUS 0200R, 0201R, 0211R, 0220R, 0221R, 0230R, 0231R, OR 0233R**

OPEN STUDIES CONCENTRATION: 12 HRS

FREE MUSIC ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER

UPPER DIVISION MUSIC ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER

*duplicate hours from General Requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Seminar (after 75 SH)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/> Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Completion of an academic minor or 2nd major outside of the Music Department
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Writing Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> See www.eiu.edu/~assess/ for requirements

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SUGGESTED 4-YEAR SEQUENCE (CATALOG YEAR 2025-2026)

This is a generic semester-by-semester guide to completing your degree requirements. Please consult your academic advisor to determine whether this plan meets your particular academic needs and interests.

YEAR 1					
FALL			SPRING		
APPLIED STUDY	Applied Study	1	APPLIED STUDY	Applied Study	1
MUS 02XXR	Music Ensemble	1	MUS 02XXR	Music Ensemble	1
MUS 1102	Navigating the Music Major	1	MUS 1103	Recital Attendance	AU
MUS 1501	(A & B) Comprehensive Musicianship I	4	MUS 1502	(A & B) Comprehensive Musicianship II	4
ENG 1001G	Composition and Language	3	MUS 3553G	Musical Masterworks	3
CMN 1310G	Intro. to Speech Communication	3	ENG 1002G	Composition and Literature	3
~ GEN XXXX	Science (<i>Biological Science recommended</i>)	3	MAT XXXX	Mathematics	3
Total			Total		
16			15		
YEAR 2					
FALL			SPRING		
APPLIED STUDY	Applied Study	1	APPLIED STUDY	Applied Study	1
MUS 02XXR	Music Ensemble	1	MUS 02XXR	Music Ensemble	1
MUS 1103	Recital Attendance	AU	MUS 1103	Recital Attendance	AU
MUS 2501	Comprehensive Musicianship III	4	MUS 2502	Comprehensive Musicianship IV	4
MUS 2203	Functional Skills in Piano I	1	MUS 2204	Functional Skills in Piano II	1
MUS 3584/94	Music History & Literature I	3	MUS 3585/95	Music History & Literature II	3
§ GEN XXXX	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	~ GEN XXXX	Science/Lab (<i>Physical Science recommended</i>)	4
§ GEN XXXX	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3			
Total			Total		
16			14		
YEAR 3					
FALL			SPRING		
MUS 02XXR	Music Ensemble	1	MUS 02XXR	Music Ensemble	1
MUS 1103	Recital Attendance	AU	§ GEN XXXX	Social and Behavioral Sciences	2
§ GEN XXXX	Humanities	3	ELECTIVE	Non-Music Electives (<i>minor or 2nd major coursework</i>)	11
§ GEN XXXX	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3			
ELECTIVE	Non-Music Electives (<i>minor or 2nd major coursework</i>)	8			
Total			Total		
15			14		
YEAR 4					
FALL			SPRING		
ELECTIVES	Non-Music Electives (<i>minor or 2nd major coursework</i>)	9	EIU 41XX	Senior Seminar	3
Δ CHOICE	Music Electives	6	ELECTIVE	Non-Music Electives (<i>minor or 2nd major coursework</i>)	6
			Δ CHOICE	Music Electives	6
Total			Total		
15			15		

TOTAL CREDITS: 120 HRS

- ~ At least one biological and one physical science course, one of which must involve a lab.
- § At least one Cultural Diversity course is required. (MUS 3562G Non-Western Music is recommended.)
- ^ Also serves as Fine Arts General Education Course.
- Δ Students in this program complete 12 credit hours selected from the following:
 - Open Music Electives (6 credits max)
 - Upper Division Music Electives (6 credits max)
- Upper Division Requirement: Successfully complete at least 40 semester hours in upper-division courses. Only required music ensembles may count towards graduation.

A failed music course may be repeated once to receive a passing grade as required by the degree program. Permission for a third attempt to pass the course may be granted upon approval of the instructor, advisor, and the department chair.