



**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC**  
**MUSIC THEORY / COMPOSITION**  
**CONCENTRATION**  
 AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

NAME	
E NUMBER	
CATALOG	
AS/AA/AFA DEGREE	
TRANSFER HOURS	

2025-2026

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS**

**LANGUAGE: 9 HRS**

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

**HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS**

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MUS 3553G</b> Musical Masterworks	3		
Humanities Gen Ed	3		
Humanities/Fine Art (non-music)	3		

**SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS**

Must be from two different disciplines.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
	3		
	3		
	3		

**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
<b>BIO</b> _____	3		
	4		

**MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS**

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
	3		

**SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS**

After completion of 75 credits.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>EIU</b> _____	3		

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS**

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

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER

**MUSIC REQUIREMENTS: 56 HRS**

(53 CREDIT HOURS + 3 DUPLICATE GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS)

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MUS 1102</b> Navigating the Music Major	1		

**MUSIC THEORY: 16 HRS**

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MUS 1501</b> Comp. Musicianship I	4		
<b>MUS 1502</b> Comp. Musicianship II	4		
<b>MUS 2501</b> Comp. Musicianship III	4		
<b>MUS 2502</b> Comp. Musicianship IV	4		

**MUSIC HISTORY: 9 HRS**

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

**PIANO: 2 HRS**

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MUS 2203</b> Functional Skills in Piano I	1		
<b>MUS 2204</b> 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

**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**

**THEORY/COMPOSITION COURSES: 18 HRS**

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MUS 1070</b> Intro. to Music Technology	2		
<b>MUS 1560</b> Intro. to Music Composition	2		
<b>MUS 2070</b> Electronic Music	2		
<b>MUS 3542</b> Music Analysis: Post Tonal.	3		
<b>MUS 3547</b> Orchestration	2		
<b>MUS 1570R</b> Intermediate Composition	3		
<b>MUS 3570R</b> Advanced Composition	4		

\*duplicate hours from General Requirements

**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"/> 66 credits from non-music courses

<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Major GPA
<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"/> Electronic Writing Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
See <a href="http://www.eiu.edu/~assess/">www.eiu.edu/~assess/</a> for requirements

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

## MUSIC THEORY / COMPOSITION CONCENTRATION

### 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			
<b>APPLIED STUDY</b>	Applied Study	1	<b>APPLIED STUDY</b>	Applied Study	1	
<b>MUS 02XXR</b>	Music Ensemble	1	<b>MUS 02XXR</b>	Music Ensemble	1	
<b>MUS 1102</b>	Navigating the Music Major	1	<b>MUS 1103</b>	Recital Attendance	AU	
<b>MUS 1501</b>	Comprehensive Musicianship I	4	<b>MUS 1502</b>	Comprehensive Musicianship II	4	
<b>ENG 1001G</b>	Composition and Language	3	<b>MUS 3553G/93G</b>	Musical Masterworks	3	
<b>CMN 1310G</b>	Intro. to Speech Communication	3	<b>ENG 1002G</b>	Composition and Literature	3	
<b>~ GEN XXXX</b>	Science ( <i>Biological Science recommended</i> )	3	<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Non-Music Elective	3	
Total			16	Total		
15						
YEAR 2						
FALL			SPRING			
<b>APPLIED STUDY</b>	Applied Study	1	<b>APPLIED STUDY</b>	Applied Study	1	
<b>MUS 02XXR</b>	Music Ensemble	1	<b>MUS 02XXR</b>	Music Ensemble	1	
<b>MUS 1103</b>	Recital Attendance	AU	<b>MUS 1103</b>	Recital Attendance	AU	
<b>MUS 2501</b>	Comprehensive Musicianship III	4	<b>MUS 2502</b>	Comprehensive Musicianship IV	4	
<b>MUS 2203</b>	Functional Skills in Piano I	1	<b>MUS 2204</b>	Functional Skills in Piano II	1	
<b>MUS 3584/94</b>	Music History & Literature I	3	<b>MUS 3585/95</b>	Music History & Literature II	3	
<b>MUS 1570R</b>	Intermediate Composition	1	<b>MUS 1570R</b>	Intermediate Composition	2	
<b>MUS 1070</b>	Intro. to Music Technology	2	<b>§ GEN XXXX</b>	Humanities	3	
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Non-Music Elective	3	<b>MUS 1560</b>	<b>Introduction to Music Composition</b>	<b>2</b>	
Total			16	Total		
17						
YEAR 3						
FALL			SPRING			
<b>MUS 02XXR</b>	Music Ensemble	1	<b>MUS 02XXR</b>	Music Ensemble	1	
<b>MUS 1103</b>	Recital Attendance	AU	<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Non-Music Elective	7	
<b>MUS 2070</b>	<b>Electronic Music</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>MUS 3570R</b>	Advance Composition	2	
<b>MUS 3542/92</b>	<b>Music Analysis: Post Tonal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>§ GEN XXXX</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	
<b>MUS 3570R</b>	Advance Composition	2				
<b>MAT XXXX</b>	Mathematics	3				
<b>§ GEN XXXX</b>	Humanities/Fine Arts	3				
<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Non-Music Electives	3				
Total			17	Total		
13						
YEAR 4						
FALL			SPRING			
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	Non-Music Electives	9	<b>EIU 41XX</b>	Senior Seminar	3	
<b>~ GEN XXXX</b>	Science/Lab ( <i>Physical Science recommended</i> )	4	<b>ELECTIVE</b>	Non-Music Electives	4	
<b>MUS 3547</b>	<b>Orchestration</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>§ GEN XXXX</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences	6	
Total			15	Total		
13						

### TOTAL CREDITS:122 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.

^ Also serves as Fine Arts General Education Course.

Upper Division Requirement: Successfully complete at least 40 semester hours in upper-division courses.

Only required music ensembles may count towards graduation.

At least 66 credits must be non-music.

**Courses in bold print are offered in alternate years.**

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.