



Music, Bachelor of Arts

Total Major hours: 42
Suggested hours per semester: 14-18

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1 16.5 credits</p> <p>MUMS 115: Intro to Musical Studies (2) MUTC 151: Theory 1 (3)^F MUTC 152: Aural Skills 1 (1)^{F*} MUEP 219 (0) Primary Instrument (2)³ (MUIP 201-222) Piano class/lessons, if needed⁴ (MUIP 223) Large Ensemble (0.5)⁵ (MUEP 213-218) CORE 101: First Year Seminar CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1) ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</p>	<p>Spring Semester 1 14.5 credits</p> <p>MUTC 171: Theory 2 (3)^{5*} MUTC 172: Aural Skills 2 (1)^{5*} Primary Instrument (2)³ (MUIP 201-222) MUEP 219 (0) MUCS 261: Music Before 1600 (2)⁵ Piano class/lessons, if needed⁴ (MUIP 223) Large Ensemble (0.5)⁵ (MUEP 213-218) <i>Foreign Language</i> COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</p>	<p>Summer 1²</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (Honey Rock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research</p>
<p>Fall Semester 2 17.5 credits</p> <p>MUTC 241: Theory 3 (2)^{F, 7*} MUEP 219 (0) MUTC 252: Aural Skills 3 (1)^{F*} Primary Instrument (2)³ (MUIP 201-222) MUCS 262: Baroque/Classical^F Large Ensemble (0.5)⁵ (MUEP 213-218) <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i> <i>Foreign Language</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 2 12.5 credits</p> <p>Primary Instrument (2)³ (MUIP 201-222) MUEP 219 (0) MUCS 263: 19th-century music (2)⁵ Large Ensemble (0.5)⁵ (MUEP 213-218) <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i> <i>Foreign Language</i></p>	<p>Summer 2²</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 3 16 credits</p> <p>MUEP 219 (0) MUCS 274: World Music¹ <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Thematic Core</i> <i>Elective Credit</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 3 15 credits</p> <p>MUEP 219 (0) MUCS 361 20th Century Music⁵ Music Electives (3)⁶ <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar*</i> <i>Thematic Core</i></p>	<p>Summer 3²</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 4 14 credits</p> <p>MUEP 219 (0) MUCS 494: Capstone Experience (2)^{F*} Free Electives⁸ <i>Thematic Core Courses (8)</i> <i>Elective Credit (2)</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 4 15 credits</p> <p>MUEP 219 (0) Free Electives (11)⁸ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p>Summer 4</p>

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

- *Course has prerequisite
- ^F Fall only course
- ^S Spring only course
- [#] Offered every other year

¹The CATC Thematic Core course that is met with a Music, Bachelor of Arts major is: MUCS 274: World Music (GP). Other Thematic Core courses should be chosen according to the Christ at the Core General Education checklist that can be found [here](#). The Advanced Integrative Seminar can also meet Thematic Core tags.

² Consider taking summer credits through Honey Rock and Wheaton in the Northwoods to satisfy Old and New Testament and CATC requirements.

³ 8 hours of credit is required from MUIP 201-MUIP 422. In the first 3 semesters, courses should be chosen from MUIP 201-222. In the last semester, this course should be chosen from MUIP 401-422. Before registration, students should consult with the Conservatory office coordinator on registration overrides for private lessons.

⁴ Note that all BA Music students must pass piano proficiency: Level 6 for piano majors, Level 2 for voice and all other instruments, which may be met by testing or by piano class or private lessons; this should be completed by the end of sophomore year; piano lessons/class apply to Free Electives.

⁵ Music, Bachelor of Arts majors will also enroll and participate in a Large Music Ensemble (Women's Chorale, Men's Glee Club, Concert Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble) for 4 semesters; .5 credit will be given each semester.

⁶ Music electives should be chosen from MUCS, MUEP, MUIP, MUTC, and MUMS courses.

⁷ Alternately, MUTC 261⁵ can be taken in place of MUTC 241.

⁸ Free Electives can include both music and non-music courses. Note that a maximum of 52 credits can be taken in music (MUCS, MUEP, MUIP, MUMS, MUTC).

- BA Music majors will enroll in Recital-Concert attendance (MUEP 219) every semester after they declare the BA music degree, which will give them opportunities to hear guest performers and speakers, as well as perform for their peers.

-Music History core classes (MUCS 261, 262, 263, 361) should be taken in order, if possible.

-All music majors should take MUMS 115, Intro to Music Studies, during their first Fall semester on campus.

Current Conservatory of Music students are encouraged to read the Wheaton College Conservatory Handbook.

-All Music majors must register for MUMS 115: Intro to Music Studies in their first fall semester.