

Bachelor of Science: Music Education with specialization in Instrumental Music and Classroom Music K-12

Course	Title	Credits	Sem.
LEP/MNTC Courses Required for Admission to Teacher Preparation Program			
MATH XXX	Any Goal 4 MATH with MATH prefix <i>(Minimum grade of C or better required for admission to TPP)</i>	3-5	B, Su
ENG 151 or ENG 251	Academic Writing Writing in Professions <i>(Minimum grade of C or better required for admission to TPP)</i>	4 3	B, Su
COMM XXX	Any Goal 1 COMM with COMM prefix <i>(Minimum grade of C or better required for admission to TPP)</i>	3	B, Su
Standards of Effective Practice			
ED 101	Introduction to Education & Lab	3	B
ED 102	Educational Technology	2	B, Su
ED 251	Child and Adolescent Growth and Development	3	B, Su
SPED 290	Introduction to Special Needs & Lab	3	B
ED 312	Human Relations for Teachers and Diversity in Education	3	B, Su
TESL 431	Foundations of Teaching Multilingual Learners	3	B
ED 301	Inclusive Learning Environments	3	F
ED 304	Pre-Student Teaching Experience for Secondary Educators <i>*Pre-Requisite: ED 301</i>	3	S
Discipline Methods Courses			
ED 430	Reading in the Content Areas	2	S
MUS 392	Elementary School Music Methods & Materials <i>*Pre-Requisites: MUS 172</i>	2	so
MUS 393	Secondary Ensemble & Classroom Methods <i>*Pre-Requisites: MUS 308 AND MUS 366 or MUS 366 AND MUS 454</i>	3	fe
Required Content Courses			
MUS 101	Survey of World Music	3	B
MUS 110	Public Performance Studies (7 semesters total)	0	B
MUS 140	Guitar Proficiency Class	1	Varies
MUS 170	Foundations of Aural Theory <i>*Co-Requisite: MUS 172</i>	2	F
MUS 172	Music Theory I <i>*Co-Requisite: MUS 170</i>	3	F
MUS 174/MUS 174L	Music Theory II & Lab <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 172</i>	3	S
MUS 260	Piano Competency, Major Level <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 172</i>	0	B
MUS 272/MUS 272L	Music Theory III & Lab <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 174</i>	3	F
MUS 274/MUA 274L	Chromatic Post-Tonal & 20 th Century Theory & Lab <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 272</i>	3	so
MUS 366	Conducting <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 174</i>	2	se
MUS 370	Form and Analysis <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 272</i>	2	se
MUS 377	Orchestra & Choral Arranging <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 174</i>	2	fe
MUS 381	Music History: Medieval through Baroque	3	fe
MUS 382	Music History: Classical – 20 th Century	3	so
Specialization: Instrumental Music and Classroom Music K-12			
MUS 301 or MUS 303	Junior Proficiency Exam, Instrumental Junior Proficiency Exam, Keyboard	0	B
MUS 1XX	Secondary Lessons (non-major)	4	B
MUS 2XX	Primary Lessons (lower division)	8	B
MUS 3XX	Primary Lessons (upper division)	6	B
MUS 308	Instrument Methods <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 172</i>	3	fo
MUS 408	Advanced Instrument Methods <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 308</i>	3	se
MUS 454	Vocal Pedagogy <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 251 or MUS 352</i>	1-2	fo
MUS 477	Applied Instrumental Conducting <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 366</i>	2	B
MUS 493 or MUS 497	Senior Dual Area Recital <i>(lessons must be taken concurrently with recital)</i> <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 301/303 AND MUS 300</i> Senior Instrumental Recital <i>(lessons must be taken concurrently with recital)</i> <i>*Pre-Requisite: MUS 301/303</i>	0-1	B
Major Ensembles (1 cr x 6 semesters) -must continue taking ensembles for 0-2 cr. each semester until Student Teaching			
MUS 333	Jazz Band <i>*At least two semesters of Jazz Ensemble is required</i>	0-2	B
MUS 335	Symphonic Chamber Winds	0-2	S
MUS 337	Southwest Minnesota Orchestra	0-2	B
MUS 355	Chorale	0-2	B
Student Teaching			
ED 466	K-12 Student Teaching & Seminar	5-12	B
ED 473	Teacher License	0	B
Degree & Major Requirements			
	LEP/MnTC requirements (not all listed here)	45	
	Music Education Content requirements	57	
	Education Course requirements	35	
	Total Credits required	137	

Courses in the shaded area can be taken prior to admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

Courses not in the shaded areas require admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

F = Fall S = Spring B = Both F & S Su = Summer fo = fall odd so = spring odd fe = fall even se = spring even

For example – fo = Fall 2023; se = Spring 2024; fe = Fall 2024; so = Spring 2023

This information is provided for advising. Official curriculum is published in the SMSU academic catalog: www.SMSU.edu/catalog/
Students should refer to the online catalog or their DARS report for current curriculum. **This advising guide was updated: 2/10/2026**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER.

Course	Hours Required	Grade Band Required
Ed 101: Introduction to Education and Lab	20	K-12 General Education
SPED 290: Introduction to Special Needs and Lab	15	K-12 Special Education
TESL 431: Foundations of Teaching Multilingual Learners and Lab	15	K-12 with 10% of class being Multilingual Learners
ED 304 Pre Student Teaching Experience for Secondary Educators	80 Hours (2 Consecutive Week Experience)	K-12 Music Education
ED 466: K-12 Student Teaching	12 Weeks	K-12 Music Education