West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2026-2027

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NAME:_____ **WT ID:**_____ **DATE:**_____

Music – Composition Emphasis
School of Music
FAC 202 651-2840

Bachelor of Music Degree
BM.MUSIC.COMP (221)

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS	HRS	
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation **OR** ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315**, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/***, 1342*/***, 1350*/***, 2412*, or 2413* **(2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)**	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)		
Take two courses from: ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 **or** 1308, 1407* **or** 1309*, 1411, 1413, 2401, 2402; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 **or** 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 ***- BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4th hr. moves to Core 90***	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/****, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 **Choose 1**	3	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
See **University Core Requirements** below	(3)	
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 **Choose 2**	6	
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 **Choose 1**	3	
Component Area Option (Core 90)		
Take six hours from: • AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HNRS 2171; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); ~~MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours)~~; PHIL 2303; SES 1120 Also, extra 4th-hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)	6	
MUSIC COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS: 80 HOURS **A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.**		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS ♦		
CORE 50 MUSI 1307 Music Literature	3	
MUSIC REQUIREMENTS: 77 HOURS		
MUSIC CORE: 19 HOURS		
MUSI RCTL Music Recital - Required each semester of all undergraduate music majors enrolled in nine or more hours.	0	
MUSI 1211 Theory I **and** MUSI 1116 Aural Skills I	2,1	
MUSI 1212* Theory II **and** MUSI 1117* Aural Skills II	2,1	
MUSI 2211* Theory III **and** MUSI 2116* Aural Skills III	2,1	
MUSI 2212* Theory IV **and** MUSI 2117* Aural Skills IV	2,1	
MUSI 3105* Baton Technique	1	
MUSI 3347* Music History I	3	
MUSI 3349* Music History II	3	

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCENTRATION IN COMPOSITION: 56			
Take 14 hours from: MUSI 3256* Jazz Theory and Practice; MUSI 3263* Form and Analysis; MUSI 3264* Orchestration; MUSI 3265* Counterpoint; MUSI 3266* Choral Arranging; MUSI 3267* 20th-Century Analysis; MUSI 3268* Band Arranging; MUSI 3269* Advanced Ear Training		14	
MUAP 10XX***** *(APPLIED MUSIC)*	**2,2,2,2**	8	
MUAP 30XX***** *(APPLIED MUSIC)*	**2,2**	4	
MUAP 1087 Composition *(APPLIED MUSIC)*	**2,2,2,2**	8	
MUAP 3087 Composition *(APPLIED MUSIC)*	**2,2**	4	
MUAP 4094* Senior Recital		0	
Six one-hour enrollments from (grade must be "C" or better): ***Note: For composition majors whose primary instrument is piano, this six-hour requirement is to be filled with music electives.*** MUSI 1181 Piano Class I; MUSI 1182* Piano Class II; MUSI 2181* Piano Class III; MUSI 2182* Piano Class IV; MUAP 1069* Piano *(APPLIED MUSIC)*; MUAP 3069* Piano *(APPLIED MUSIC)*		6	
MUSI 3207* Instrumental Conducting **OR** MUSI 3209* Choral Conducting		2	
MUSI 4211* Symphonic Literature; MUSI 4212* Song Literature; MUSI 4213* Chamber Music Literature; MUSI 4252* Piano Literature **Choose 1**		2	
ENSEMBLE REQUIREMENT: **A minimum of eight fall or spring semesters of major ensemble are required for bachelor of music (B.M.) degrees. Band (MUEN XX26 or XX27) is the major ensemble for woodwinds, brass, and percussion; choir (MUEN XX41 or XX42) for voice; orchestra (MUEN XX29) for strings; choir for keyboard majors, but keyboard students may choose band or orchestra, respectively, if they can play a woodwind, brass, percussion, or string instrument.**			
MUEN 1XXX***** *(MAJOR ENSEMBLE)*	**1,1,1**	3	
MUEN 3XXX***** *(MAJOR ENSEMBLE)*	**1,1,1,1,1**	5	
MUSIC ELECTIVES (by advisement): 2 HOURS			
ADVANCED MUSIC ELECTIVE		2	
NON-MUSIC ELECTIVES: 4 HOURS (not MUSI, MUEN, MUMI or MUAP - see NOTE)			
ELECTIVES		4	
MINIMUM HOURS NEEDED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		**123**	

• **NOTE:** only six hours are required for Core 90; extra hours from 4-hour Core 20 and Core 30 courses (if taken) will count either towards Core 90 or as elective hours.
* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.
** Recommended by department.
*** While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).
**** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.
***** Course numbers vary depending on lesson or ensemble taken.

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.

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Year 1: Fall	
MUAP 10XX	2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 10XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUSI 1181 (fall only) (Music Elective for Keyboard major)	1
MUSI 1211 and 1116 (both are fall only)	2/1
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – MUSI 1307[1]	3
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311[1]	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options[1] - IDS 1071 (special music section is recommended for 1 of 6 hours)	3
Total:	16

Year 1: Spring	
MUAP 10XX	2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 10XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUSI 1182 (spring only) (Music Elective for Keyboard major)	1
MUSI 1212 and 1117 (both are spring only)	2/1
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options[1]	3
CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321[1]	3
CORE 80 (Soc. & Behav. Sci.) – See checklist for options[1]	3
Total:	16

Year 2: Fall	
MUAP 10XX and MUAP 1087	2/2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 10XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUSI 2181 (not for keyboard emphasis) (fall only)	1
MUSI 2211 and 2116 (both are fall only)	2/1
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options[1]	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options[1]	3
Total:	15

Year 2: Spring	
MUAP 10XX and MUAP 1087	2/2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 30XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUSI 2182 (not for keyboard emphasis) (spring only)	1
MUSI 2212 and 2117 (both are spring only)	2/1
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options[1]	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options[1]	3
Total:	15

Year 3: Fall	
MUAP 30XX and MUAP 1087	2/2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 30XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUAP 3069 (Music Elective for Keyboard major)	1
MUSI 3105 (fall only)	1
MUSI 3347 (fall only)	3
MUSI 3256-3269 (1 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
MUSI 3256-3269 (2 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305[1]	3
Total:	17

Year 3: Spring	
MUAP 30XX and MUAP 1087	2/2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 30XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUAP 3069 (Music Elective for Keyboard major)	1
MUSI 3207 **or** MUSI 3209 (both are spring only)	2
MUSI 3349 (spring only)	3
MUSI 3256-3269 (3 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306[1]	3
Total:	16

Year 4: Fall	
MUAP 3087	2
Major Ensemble (MUEN 30XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUSI 3256-3269 (4 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
MUSI 3256-3269 (5 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
MUSI 4211 (fall, even years), 4212 (fall, odd years), 4213 (fall, odd years), or 4252 (fall, even years)	2
Advanced Music Elective	2
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options[1]	3
Total:	14

Year 4: Spring	
MUAP 3087 and MUAP 4094 (Senior Recital)	2/0
Major Ensemble (MUEN 30XX) and MUSI RCTL	1/0
MUSI 3256-3269 (6 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
MUSI 3256-3269 (7 of 7) – See checklist for full list	2
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options[1]	3
Non-music Electives	4
Total:	14

[1] **CORE:** Music majors are required to take MUSI 1307 for Core 50. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities

Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.
- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.