

# Music Program

## Purpose Statement

The McPherson College Music Department develops life-long musicians. The department provides an educational experience that unites the artistic standards of a professional music program and the academic breadth of the liberal arts.

The department achieves this purpose when its students successfully

- analyze and perform music
- develop musicianship skills through applied lessons, culminating in the senior recital
- classify and interpret a common body of Western music literature
- meet Kansas State Department of Education and National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education standards for licensure in the area of music (education emphasis only).

## Expectations for All Music Majors

1. Students will be required to pass the Piano Proficiency Exam upon entrance to the program or enroll in MU330 Private Lessons (Piano) until such time as the requirement is satisfied.
2. Students will be required to enroll in one large ensemble (as assigned by the music faculty) per semester of residence.
3. Students will be required to enroll in the Music Major Lab each semester of residence.
4. Students must audition for entrance into any music degree program.
5. The Junior Recital (seminar) will serve to prepare the music major for a half recital (25 minutes) at the end of two semesters of junior-level private lessons.
6. The Senior Recital (senior project) will serve to prepare the music major for a full recital (50 minutes) at the end of two semesters of senior-level private lessons.
7. Music majors are required to be active members in music-related professional organization student chapters, such as the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

## Expectations for All Music Minors

1. Students are required to participate in one large ensemble (as assigned by the music faculty) per semester of residence.
2. Students must pass a basic audition to pursue the music minor.

## Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance

### Musicianship

**MU 136** Music Theory I (3 hours)

**MU 236** Music Theory II (3 hours)

**MU 336** Music Theory III (3 hours)

**MU 436** Music Theory IV (3 hours)

**MU 159** Sight Singing and Ear Training I (1 hour)

**MU 259** Sight Singing and Ear Training II (1 hour)

**MU 359** Sight Singing and Ear Training III (1 hour)

**MU 459** Sight Singing and Ear Training IV (1 hour)

**MU 345** Conducting (1 hour)

### Performance Study

Private lessons in one's major instrument are required for eight semesters. Additional semesters may be required to complete the Senior Recital.

**MU 330** Private Lessons (1 hour)

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**G-MU 132/134** Ensemble (1 hour)

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**MU 375** Junior Recital (1 hour)  
**MU 475** Senior Recital (2 hours)  
**MU 150** Music Major Lab (0 hours)

**History and Literature of Music**

**G-MU 161** Music Appreciation (3 hours)  
**G-MU 355** Music History & Literature I (3 hours)  
**G-MU 360** Music History & Literature II (3 hours)

*Total: 45 hours*

## **Bachelor of Arts in Music Education**

**To earn the Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, students must:**

1. Meet all of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance,
2. Meet all of the requirements for the Teacher Education program, and
3. Complete specific courses for music teacher licensure.

**Methods for Music Teaching and Learning**

**MU 370** Methods for Teaching Instrumental Music (3 hours)  
**MU 371** Methods for Teaching Choral Music (3 hours)  
**MU 372** Methods for Teaching General Music (3 hours)  
**MU 465** Advanced Conducting and Rehearsal Techniques (1 hour)

and

**Specialized Emphasis for Choral Studies**

**MU 274** Instrumental Techniques Lab (1 hour)  
**MU 378** Vocal Pedagogy and Diction (3 hours)

or

**Specialized Emphasis for Instrumental Studies**

**MU 309** Woodwind Techniques (1 hour)  
**MU 310** Brass Techniques (1 hour)  
**MU 311** Strings Techniques (1 hour)  
**MU 312** Percussion Techniques (1 hour)

*Total additional hours for teacher licensure: 14 hours*

## **Music Minor**

**Musicianship**

**MU 136** Music Theory I (3 hours)

**Performance Study - Private lessons are required for four semesters.**

**MU 330** Private Lessons (1 hour)  
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**Enrollment in a large ensemble is required for six separate semesters.** (Participation in one large ensemble per semester of residence is also required, even if not enrolled.)

**G-MU 132** College Choir (1 hour) and/or  
**G-MU 134** College Band (1 hour)

**History and Literature of Music**

**G-MU 161** Music Appreciation (3 hours)

*Total: 16 hours*