Major Map: Music Bachelor of Music (B.M.) Theory Concentration

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This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical		Credit Hours	Min.	Major		Prerequisites	Notes
Semes	ter One (15-17 Credit Hours)						
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW		
	Major Ensemble ³	1	O	*	MR		
!	MUED 155 Group Piano ⁴ (or demonstration of piano prof.)	2	С	*	MR		
!	MUSC 117 Aural Skills I	1	В	*	MR		
!	MUSC 111A-Z Lower Div. Applied Music ⁵	2-3	С	*	MR		
	MUSC 100 Music Convocation	0	S		MR		
	Foreign language ⁶ or other Carolina Core Req. ⁷	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁷	3			CC		
mest	er Two (16-17 Credit Hours)						
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW/INF		
	Major Ensemble ³	1	С	*	MR		
!	MUED 156 Group Piano ⁴ (or demonstration of piano prof.)	2	С	*	MR	C or better in MUED 155 or advanced placement via exam	
!	MUSC 115 Music Theory I	3	В	*	CC-AIU	C or better in MUSC 114 (or passing score on the Ugrad Theory Diag. Exam)	
!	MUSC 118 Aural Skills II	1	В	*	MR	MUSC 117	
!	MUSC 111A-Z Lower Div. Applied Music ⁵	2-3	C	*	MR		
	MUSC 100 Music Convocation	0	S		MR		
	MUSC 100L Recital Class Laboratory	1	C	*	MR		
	Foreign language ⁶ or other Carolina Core Req. ⁷	3			CC-GFL		
emes	ter Three (16-18 Credit Hours)						
	MUSC 316 Music Composition I	3	С	*	MR	MUSC 115 or equiv. experience	
!	MUSC 215 Music Theory II	3	В	*	MR	C or better in MUSC 115	
!	MUSC 217 Aural Skills III	1	В	*	MR	MUSC 118	
	Major Ensemble ³	1	С	*	MR		
!	MUSC 111A-Z Lower Div. Applied Music ⁵	2-3	C	*	MR		
	Foreign language ⁶ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁷	3			MR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁷	3-4			CC		
emes	ter Four (16-17 Credit Hours)						
	MUSC 353 History of Western Music I	3	С	*	MR	C or better in MUSC 100L and MUSC 115	
	Theory Elective ⁸	3	С	*	MR	110	
!	MUSC 218 Aural Skills IV	1	В	*	MR	MUSC 217	
-	Major Ensemble ³	1	C	*	MR	111000 217	
1	MUSC 111A-Z Lower Div. Applied Music ⁵	2-3	Ċ	*	MR		
•	MUSC 312 Counterpoint	3	C	*	MR	C or better in MUSC 215	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁷	3			CC	O OF BELLET HT WIGGE 210	
	MUSC 100A Music Advocacy I	0	S		MR		
amae	ter Five (17-18 Credit Hours)	U	O		IVIIX		
CITICS	Theory Concentration Requirement9	3	С	*	MR		
	MUSC 354 History of Western Music II	3	C	*	MR/CC-INT	C or better in MUSC 353	
	MUSC 333 Basic Choral & Instr. Conducting	2	C	*	MR	MUSC 216 & 218	
	Music History & Literature Elective ¹⁰	3	C	*	MR	WI000 210 Q 210	
	Major Ensemble ³	1	C	*	MR		
	MUSC 311A-Z Upper Div. Applied Music ⁵	2-3	C	*	MR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁷	3		 	CC		
emes	ter Six (17-18 Credit Hours)						
-mes	Theory Concentration Requirement ⁹	3	С	*	MR		
	MUSC 445 Special Topics in Musicology &	3	C	*	MR	C or better in MUSC 354 (MUSC 445	
	Ethnomusicology or MUSC 544 Topics in Music History or MUSC 546 Black Sacred Music: Local & Global	3			IVIT	only)	
	Perspectives	0.0		*	MD		
	MUSC 311A-Z Upper Div. Applied Music ⁵	2-3	С	*	MR		
	Concentration Elective ¹¹	2	С	*	MR		
	Major Ensemble ³	1	С	_ *	MR		
	Fine Arts Elective (any non-music CC-AIU course)	3		1	MR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁷	3		1	CC		

nester Seven (16 Credit Hours)					
MUSC 518 Form & Analysis	3	С	*	MR	C or better in MUSC 215
Theory Concentration Requirement9	3	С	*	MR	
Technology Elective ¹²	3	С	*	MR	
Concentration Elective ¹¹	3	С	*	MR	
MUSC 130A-Z Ensemble (Chamber)13	1	С	*	MR	
Theory Elective ⁸	3	С	*	MR	
nester Eight (13-17 hours)					
MUSC 313 20 th -Century Tech. and Materials or MUSC 525 Post-Tonal Music Theory	3	С	*	MR	C or better in MUSC 215)
Music History & Literature Elective ¹⁰	3	С	*	MR	
Technology Elective ¹²	3	С	*	MR	
Ensemble (major or chamber) ^{3 & 13}	1	С	*	MR	
Carolina Core Requirement ⁷ or Elective ¹⁴	3-4			CC/PR	
Carolina Core Requirement ⁷ or Elective ¹⁴ (depends on req. needed to meet Carolina Core or hrs. to graduate)	0-3			CC/PR	

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total	Minimum Major	College & Program	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum	
Hours	Requirements Hours	Requirements Hours		Institutional GPA	
128	90	1-7	31-37	2.000	

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA on all MUSC & MUED courses and a 2.00 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. Students are required to participate in the major ensemble most closely related to their primary instrument. Students must declare a primary instrument upon acceptance into the program. Ensembles are: Marching Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, University Orchestra, Concert Choir, & University Chorus. Some ensembles require an audition for membership. Regulations for attendance at ensemble rehearsals & performances are different from regulations for class attendance. Members of ensembles are expected to be present at every rehearsal & performance, unless excused by the conductor.
- 4. MUED 155 and 156 are not required if taking MUSC 111P for Piano as primary instrument or if a student passes the proficiency exam.
- 5. Applied Music must be completed satisfactorily for a minimum of six semesters & 12 hours of credit.
- 6. Students in the Theory concentration are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 7. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 8. Theory Electives (6 hours): MUSC 312, 313, 315, 319, 320, 515, 518, 525, 526, 528.
- 9. Theory Concentration requirements (9 hours): MUSC 313 or 525, 315, 319, 320, 515, 526, 528.
- 10. Music History and Literature Electives (6 hours): MUSC 543, 544, 545, 546, 548, 549, 555, 557, 558, 559, and 587.
- 11. Concentration Electives: Any MUED or MUSC courses (other than MUSC 103, 104, 105, 110, 113, 140, 203). Students must complete a minimum of 9 hours of concentration electives, including MUED 155 & 156, if needed.
- 12. Technology electives (6 hours): MUSC 336, 365, 540, 565, and 571.
- 13. Courses which qualify for the Chamber Music requirement include all MUSC 130 courses with a suffix of A-Z and topics in: Voice, String, Percussion, Wind, Guitar, and Keyboard. Students enrolling in an ensemble to fulfill a degree requirement my register for at least 1 credit hour.
- 14. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the School of Music. The School of Music allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the School of Music.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" have a deadline for completion. ENGL 101 & 102 must be completed within the first 60 semester hours of work in order to be credited toward graduation. MUSC courses identified as "critical" must be completed in order to be admitted to the upper division.
- To be admitted to the upper division, students must meet the following criteria: 1) completion of Piano proficiency requirements; 2) successful completion of a barrier jury on their primary instrument; 3) completion of Aural Skills training sequence (MUSC 117, 118, 217, 218); 4) completion of music theory sequence (MUSC 115, 215); and 5) completion of at least 60 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 in MUSC & MUED courses and 2.00 in all courses.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- Performance Certificate: The performance certificate is awarded by the School of Music to recognize those undergraduate music students with degree emphases other than music performance, as well as those students not majoring in music. The performance certificate will allow gifted and highly motivated students to acquire additional credit, professorial interaction, & guidance, and departmental distinction in music performance.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

Codes:					
CC Carolina Core	CC-INF Carolina Core – Information Literacy				
CC-AIU Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT Carolina Core – Integrative Course				
CC-ARP Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy				
CC-CMS Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility				
CC-CMW Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR College Requirement				
CC-GFL Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR Major Requirement				
CC-GHS Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR Program Requirement				
CC-GSS Carolina Core – Social Sciences					

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.