

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Architecture, Arts, and Design

School of Performing Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Music (MUS)

Option: Music Education Instrumental (MEI)

For students entering under UG Catalog 2023-2024

I. Pathways General Education (45 credits)	33 credits required
II. Music Degree Core Courses	21 credits required
III. Major Required Courses	2 credits required
IV. Education Instrumental Option Required Courses	61 credits required
V. Free Elective Credits	3 credits required
VI. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)	
Total Credit Hours for Degree	120 credits required

Department Policies

GPA / Grade Requirements

To fulfill graduation requirements in the major, all courses used to fulfill requirements in the Music major must be completed with a grade of C or better. None of these courses may be repeated more than once for the purposes of raising the grade to C or better. An overall and in-major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required. All Music courses are used in calculating the major GPA except MUS 1005, 1006, 1104, 2115, and 2116.

Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree

In addition to University requirements, students must complete the following by the end of the semester in which they attempt 54 credit hours:

A) Continuation Exam Requirement, Keyboard Proficiency Requirement, Convocation and Concert Attendance Requirement

B) MUS 2025, 2026, 2045, 2046, 3025, 3026, 3174, plus 2 hours of either MUS 3314 or 3414

Prerequisites

Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Please consult the university course catalog or check with an academic advisor for more information.

Foreign Language Requirement

In order to graduate, students must meet a foreign language requirement. Students who did not complete 2 units of a foreign language in high school must earn 6 credits of a college foreign language. These six credits do not count toward the total minimum hours of the degree program.

I. Pathways General Education	33 credits required
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Concept 1 - Discourse 9 credits required

1f - Foundational (6 credits)

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

1a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities

6 credits of Pathways Concept 2 will be satisfied by taking MUS 3184 and MUS 3194 as part of the option requirements

Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences 6 credits required

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences 6 credits required

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking 9 credits required

5f - Foundational (3 credits)

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

5f - Foundational OR 5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts 3 credits required

6a - Arts

3 credits of Pathways Concept 6a will be satisfied by taking MUS 3314 as part of the option requirements

6d - Design (3 credits)

Pathways Course _____ 3 credits required

Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in the US

3 credits of Pathways Concept 7 will be satisfied by taking MUS 3194 as part of the option requirements

II. Music Degree Core Courses	21 credits required
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Note: Music Degree Core Courses May Not be Double Counted to Satisfy Another Area of the Degree (e.g. Pathways) and Cannot be Substituted.

MUS 2025 European-American Music Theory	_____ 3 credits
MUS 2026 European-American Music Theory (Pre: 2025)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 2045 Sightsinging Lab (Co: 2025)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2046 Sightsinging Lab (Co: 2026)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3025 European-American Music Analysis (Pre: 2026)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3026 European-American Music Analysis (Pre: 3025)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3035 Advanced Class Piano	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3036 Advanced Class Piano (Pre: 3035)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3045 Advanced Ear Training (Pre: 2046)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3046 Advanced Ear Training (Pre: 3045)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3174 Music as Global Culture (Pre: 3025)	_____ 3 credits

III. Major Required Courses	2 credits required
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MUS 2054 Introduction to Music Technology	_____ 2 credits
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IV. Education Instrumental Option Required Courses	61 credits required
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Advanced Music Theory - Take 3 Credit Hours from the following course

MUS 3044 Orchestration and Analysis	_____ 3 credits
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Advanced Music History - Take 6 Credit Hours, Take all of the following courses

MUS 3184 Histories of Music I (Pre: 3174)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3194 Histories of Music II (Pre: 3174)	_____ 3 credits

Performance (Lower Division) - Take 4 Credit Hours, Choose From:

MUS 2514 Individual Applied Voice (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2524 Individual Applied Keyboard (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2534 Individual Applied Violin (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2544 Individual Applied Viola (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2554 Individual Applied Cello (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2564 Individual Applied Bass (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2574 Individual Applied Flute (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2584 Individual Applied Oboe (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2594 Individual Applied Clarinet (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2614 Individual Applied Saxophone (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2624 Individual Applied Bassoon (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2634 Individual Applied Horn (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2644 Individual Applied Trumpet (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2654 Individual Applied Trombone (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2664 Individual Applied Baritone (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2674 Individual Applied Tuba (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2684 Individual Applied Percussion (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit

Performance (Upper Division) - Take 8 Credit Hours, Choose From:

MUS 4514 Advanced Individual Applied Voice (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4524 Advanced Individual Applied Keyboard (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4534 Advanced Individual Applied Violin (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 Credits
MUS 4544 Advanced Individual Applied Viola (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4554 Advanced Individual Applied Cello (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4564 Advanced Individual Applied Bass (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4574 Advanced Individual Applied Flute (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4584 Advanced Individual Applied Oboe (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4594 Advanced Individual Applied Clarinet (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4614 Advanced Individual Applied Saxophone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4624 Advanced Individual Applied Bassoon (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4634 Advanced Individual Applied Horn (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4644 Advanced Individual Applied Trumpet (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits

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MUS 4654 Advanced Individual Applied Trombone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4664 Advanced Individual Applied Baritone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4674 Advanced Individual Applied Tuba (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4684 Advanced Individual Applied Percussion (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits

Performance (Ensemble) - Take 8 Credit Hours (repeatable courses)

*MUS 3314 - Instrumental Ensemble Music (1 credit hour)	_____ 1 credit
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Take all 27 credit hours:

MUS 2214 Class Applied Piano	_____ 1 credit
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MUS 2224 Class Applied Voice	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2234 Class Applied Strings	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2334 High Brass Techniques	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2344 Low Brass Techniques	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2314 Woodwind Techniques I	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2324 Woodwind Techniques II	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2264 Class Applied Percussion	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2364 Introduction to Music Education	_____ 2 credits
MUS 3214 Teaching Music in the Elementary School (Co: 4964)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3225 Conducting	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3226 Conducting	_____ 3 credits
MUS 4204 Secondary General and Choral Music Methods (Pre: 3214)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 4214 Instrumental Methods: Elementary (Pre: 2364)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4224 Instrumental Methods: Secondary (Pre: 2364)	_____ 2 credits

Education - Take 3 credit hours from the following course (P/F Only)

MUS 4964 Field Study	_____ 3 credits
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Music Elective - Take 2 Credit Hours, Choose From:

MUS 4234 Topics in Music Education (Pre: 2364) or	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2815 Jazz Improvisation	

V. Free Elective Credits	3 credits required
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COURSE xxxx Free Elective	_____ 3 credits
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VI. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)
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Department will process transactions when requirements have been met

(A) Keyboard Proficiency

Date Passed _____

(B) Continuation Exam

Date Passed _____

(C) Convocation and Concert Attendance

Date Passed _____

(D) Junior Recital

Date Passed _____

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	120 credits required
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