

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Architecture, Arts, and Design

School of Performing Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Music (MUS)

Option: Performance Professional Instrumental (PPIN)

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. Performance Professional Instrumental in Music Option Required Courses	47 credits required
V. Music Elective Credits	5 credits required
VI. Free Elective Credits	12 credits required
VII. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)	

Total Credit Hours for Degree	120 credits required
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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. Performance Professional Instrumental Option Required Courses	47 credits required
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Advanced Music Theory - Take 6 Credit Hours, Choose From:

MUS 3024 Counterpoint (Pre:3026)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3034 Form and Analysis (Pre: 3026)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3044 Orchestration & Analysis (Pre: 3034)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3054 Introduction to Vocal/Choral Arranging (Pre: 3035, 3036)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3074 Current Trends in Music Analysis (Pre: 3026, 3146)	_____ 3 credits

Advanced Music History - Take all 6 Credit Hours

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

Advanced Music History Literature - Take 3 Credit Hours, Choose From:

MUS 3114 Symphonic Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3124 20th Century Literature (Pre: 3135, 3136)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3134 Vocal Music Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3144 Early Music Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3154 Piano Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 4174 Topics in Musicology (Pre: 3174)	_____ 3 credits

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

MUS 2514 Individual Applied Voice (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2524 Individual Applied Keyboard (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2534 Individual Applied Violin (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 Credits
MUS 2544 Individual Applied Viola (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2554 Individual Applied Cello (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2564 Individual Applied Bass (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2574 Individual Applied Flute (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2584 Individual Applied Oboe (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2594 Individual Applied Clarinet (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2614 Individual Applied Saxophone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2624 Individual Applied Bassoon (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2634 Individual Applied Horn (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2644 Individual Applied Trumpet (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2654 Individual Applied Trombone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2664 Individual Applied Baritone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2674 Individual Applied Tuba (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2684 Individual Applied Percussion (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits

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

MUS 4514 Individual Applied Voice (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4524 Individual Applied Keyboard (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4534 Individual Applied Violin (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 Credits
MUS 4544 Individual Applied Viola (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4554 Individual Applied Cello (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4564 Individual Applied Bass (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4574 Individual Applied Flute (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4584 Individual Applied Oboe (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4594 Individual Applied Clarinet (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4614 Individual Applied Saxophone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4624 Individual Applied Bassoon (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4634 Individual Applied Horn (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4644 Individual Applied Trumpet (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4654 Individual Applied Trombone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4664 Individual Applied Baritone (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4674 Individual Applied Tuba (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 4684 Individual Applied Percussion (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits

Performance (Ensemble) - Take 8 Credit Hours (repeatable courses), Choose From:

MUS 3314 - Instrumental Ensemble Music (1 credit hour) OR	
MUS 3414 Choral Ensemble Music (1 credit hour)	_____ 1 credit
(2 hours must be designated "Chamber Music" sections)	_____ 1 credit
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Performance (Related) - Take all 8 Credit Hours

MUS 2815 Jazz Improvisation	_____ 2 credits
MUS 3225 Conducting	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3226 Conducting	_____ 3 credits

V. Music Elective - Take 5 Credit Hours	5 credits required
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Select any MUS courses with the following exceptions:

MUS 1005, 1006, 1104, 2115, 2116, 3314, 3414	_____ 3 credits
	_____ 2 credits

VI. Free Elective Credits	12 credit hours required
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COURSE xxxx Free Elective	_____ 3 credits
	_____ 3 credits
	_____ 3 credits
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VII. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)

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 _____

(E) Senior Recital

Date Passed _____

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	120 credits required
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