

MUSIC EDUCATION, BSE (CERTIFICATION IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC)

Students should have a strong background in music, with performance experience on a particular instrument.

Auditions

All students must pass an audition and a music fundamentals exam in order to declare a music education major. To schedule an audition, students must contact the School of Music for a separate application. Visit music.ua.edu/apply-audition for an application or more information. Auditions typically take place between January and the first week of March prior to fall enrollment. With the assistance of a Music Education advisor, students, including transfer students, will formally declare the major the first semester of enrollment after formal acceptance into the School of Music.

General Studies: 47–49 hours

Courses that are common to the teaching field and the general studies component may be applied to both. Music education majors should select PY 101 Intro To Psychology or HD 101 Life Span Human Development and MUS 250 Music In World Cultures to satisfy UA Core Curriculum behavioral science and fine arts requirements.

Code and Title	Hours
Area V:	
EDU 200 Orient to Teacher Education (required)	1

Instrumental Music Teaching Field: 66–69 hours

The University of Alabama GPA – and, if transfer work, the cumulative GPA – must be at least 2.50 in these courses.

Music Academics

(C- or above required for MUS 115, MUS 117, MUS 215, MUS 217)

Code and Title	Hours
MUS 115 Theory I: Voice Leading	4
MUS 117 Theory II: Diatonic Harmony	4
MUS 215 Theory III: Chromatic Harmony	4
MUS 217 Theory IV: Advanced Harmony	4
MUS 250 Music In World Cultures	3
MUS 251 Music History I	3
MUS 252 Music History II	3
MUS 323 Music History III	3
MUS 351 Fund Of Conducting	2
MUS 494 Band Conducting	2
MUE 200 Intro to Music Education ¹	2
Total Hours	34

Footnotes

¹ prerequisite for admission into the teacher education program

Applied and Ensemble

Code and Title	Hours
MUA 010 Music Convocation (x 5)	0
Principal Applied:	

MUA 170-MUA 190 ¹	4
MUA 270-MUA 290 ¹	4
MUA 370-MUA 390 ¹	4
MUA 470-MUA 490 ¹	1
MUA 499 Senior Recital	1
Instrumental Ensemble courses (minimum one per term, advisor approved):	7
100-level large ensemble (2 hrs, one per semester)	
200-level large ensemble (2 hrs, one per semester)	
300-level large ensemble (2 hrs, one per semester)	
400-level large ensemble (1 hr, one semester)	
Total Hours	21

Footnotes

¹ Course numbers MUA 170–MUA 190, MUA 270–MUA 290, MUA 370–MUA 390, and MUA 490 denote private study of the principal instrument or voice for music majors; each course carries one to four hours of credit and may be repeated for credit. Music majors should register for the principal applied instrument at the 100-level during the first two semesters and at the 200-level during the second two semesters at the University. Department permission is required for upper division applied lessons and admission to TEP. An upper-level applied lesson evaluation is required.

Class Instruments

Code and Title	Hours
Class Piano (0-4 hours)–Pass the following piano classes with no grade less than B:	0-4
MUA 121 Class Piano I	
MUA 122 Class Piano II	
MUA 123 Class Piano III	
MUA 124 Class Piano IV	
or MUA 231/MUA 331/MUA 121-124, or combination	
MUA 299 Piano Proficiency (Exam) *	0
MUE 252 Teach String/Percu Instr	2
MUE 351 Tchg Flute Single Reeds	3
MUE 352 Teaching Double Reeds	1
MUE 353 Teach Brass Instruments	2
MUE 354 Teaching Percussion II	1
MUE 381 Vocal Methods Lab	1
Total Hours	10-14

Footnotes

* Students must register for MUA 299 Piano Proficiency to show evidence of passing piano proficiency examination. Students completing the Class Piano series should register for MUA 299 Piano Proficiency concurrently with MUA 124 Class Piano IV. Students are required to take piano until evidence of passing the piano proficiency is provided.

See general studies requirements listed earlier in this section.

Professional Studies: 34 hours

Students must earn grades of C- or higher in each of the following professional studies courses. The University of Alabama GPA – and, if transfer work, the cumulative GPA – must be at least 2.50 in these courses:

Code and Title	Hours
BEF 362 School, Culture, and Society	3
BEP 305 Educational Psychology ¹	3
MUS 448 Tchng Instrumental Music Pub S	3
MUE 350 Evaluatn Teaching Learning Mus	3
MUE 387 Elem School Music Program	3
MUE 389 Clinical Experience In Mue ¹	3
SPE 300 Survey Spe Accomd Stratg	3
Internship	
MUE 497 Internship Music Educ ^{2, 3}	12
EDU 400 Internship Seminar	1
Total Hours	34

Footnotes

- ¹ This is a prerequisite for admission to the teacher education program.
- ² **Passing scores on the appropriate Praxis subject assessment(s) for the teaching field are required for internship.**
- ³ Internships will include a split assignment with placements outside the greater Tuscaloosa area (Greater Birmingham or Huntsville communities).

Students completing this degree program are fully prepared to teach in a K-12 setting in a public school environment.

Types of Jobs Accepted

Students completing this program are routinely employed at the high school, middle school and elementary levels.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center