

MUSIC EDUCATION, BSE (CERTIFICATION IN VOCAL/CHORAL MUSIC)

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

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 their major the first semester of enrollment after formal acceptance to 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

Vocal/Choral Music Teaching Field: 65 hours

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

Code and Title	Hours
Music Academics (C- or above required for MUS 115, MUS 117, MUS 215, MUS 217)	
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 492 Choral Conducting	2
MUE 200 Intro to Music Education ¹	2
Credit Hours Subtotal:	34

Applied and Ensemble	
MUA 010 Music Convocation (x 5)	0
Principal Applied:	
MUA 171 or Piano (Majors)	4
MUA 174 Voice (Majors)	
MUA 271 or Piano (Majors)	4
MUA 274 Voice (Majors)	
MUA 371 or Piano (Majors)	4

MUA 374 Voice (Majors)	
MUA 471 or Piano (Majors)	1
MUA 474 Voice (Majors)	
MUA 499 Senior Recital	1
Secondary Applied (4 hours) OR Class Piano (MUA 121, MUA 122, MUA 123, and MUA 124 for 4 hours) (See NOTE below.):	
MUA 231 or MUA 234	1
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MUA 331 or MUA 334	1
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Choral Ensemble Courses (one per term, advisor approved):	
100-level large ensemble (2 hrs)	
200-level large ensemble (2 hrs)	
300-level large ensemble (2 hrs)	
400-level large ensemble (1 hr)	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	25

Department permission is required for upper division applied lessons and admission to the teacher education program. An upper level applied lesson evaluation is required.

Class Instruments	
MUE 251 Intro To Winds, Str, Per	3
MUE 380 Vocal Methods	2
MUE 381 Vocal Methods Lab	1
Credit Hours Subtotal:	6

Total Hours **65**

Footnotes

¹ prerequisite for admission into the teacher education program

NOTE: If principal applied is voice, then secondary applied must be piano, and vice versa. Acceptable piano study includes: Class Piano (MUA 121 Class Piano I–MUA 124 Class Piano IV); Secondary Piano (MUA 231 Piano (Secondary)); or a combination of these piano courses. The Class Piano series courses (MUA 121 Class Piano I–MUA 124 Class Piano IV) can be taken one time each; secondary piano (MUA 231 Piano (Secondary)) can be taken four times for one credit hour per semester. A minimum of four semester hours of piano study is required in the choral music education program. In addition, MUA 299 Piano Proficiency must be passed. Piano study should begin the first semester of enrollment and continue until the requirement has been met.

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 447 Teaching Choral Music Publ Sch	3

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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