

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**College of Architecture, Arts, and Design**  
**School of Performing Arts**  
**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Music (MUS)**  
**Option: Performance Liberal Arts (PFLA)**  
**For students entering under UG Catalog 2023-2024**

<b>I. Pathways General Education (45 credits)</b>	<b>36 credits required</b>
<b>II. Music Degree Core Courses</b>	<b>21 credits required</b>
<b>III. Major Required Courses</b>	<b>2 credits required</b>
<b>IV. Performance Liberal Arts in Music Option Required Courses</b>	<b>29 credits required</b>
<b>V. Free Elective Credits</b>	<b>32 credits required</b>
<b>VI. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)</b>	
<b>Total Credit Hours for Degree</b>	<b>120 Credit Hours</b>

**Departmental 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, 2025, 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.

<b>I. Pathways General Education</b>	<b>36 credits required</b>
<b>Concept 1 - Discourse</b>	9 credits required
<b>1f - Foundational (6 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>1a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</b>	3 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<i>3 credits of Pathways Concept 2 will be satisfied by taking MUS 3184 OR MUS 3194 as part of the option requirements</i>	
<b>Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</b>	6 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</b>	6 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</b>	9 credits required
<b>5f - Foundational (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>5f - Foundational OR 5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</b>	3 credits required
<b>6a - Arts</b>	

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

<b>II. Music Degree Core Courses</b>	<b>21 credits required</b>
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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

<b>III. Major Required Courses</b>	<b>2 credits required</b>
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MUS 2054 Introduction to Music Technology	_____ 2 credits
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<b>IV. Performance Liberal Arts Option Required Courses</b>	<b>29 credits required</b>
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**Advanced Music Theory - Take 3 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 3 Credit Hours, Choose From:**

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

**Performance (Lower Division) - Take 7 Credit Hours, Choose From:**

MUS 2514 Individual Applied Voice (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
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

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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
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<b>V. Free Elective Courses</b>	<b>32 credits required</b>
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COURSE xxxx Free Elective	_____ 3 credits
	_____ 2 credits

<b>VI. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)</b>	
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>120 credits required</b>
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