

2025-2026 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG | COURSES OF STUDY

Music Education

Division of Visual and Performing Arts

- Major: 136-144, including general education, music, and professional education classes
- Emphases in vocal and instrumental music education
- Capstone: Choral and Instrumental Secondary Methods (MUED 422), senior recital, and student teaching

Mission: The mission of the McKendree University music faculty is to provide students with the skills to appreciate, evaluate, and perform music from different eras of history and different cultures. Students will be expected to analyze music theoretically and to understand its historical significance. Students will then apply these skills in critiquing and evaluating their own and/or other artists' performances. The acquisition of these skills will enable students to be lifelong participants in artistic, cultural and intellectual life.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Teach and perform a standard junior high-level repertoire on all band instruments.
- Design and implement lesson plans for K–12 general music classes, choirs, and bands using a backward design curricular model.
- Demonstrate understanding of rehearsal technique, sequencing, and repertoire for concert choir and concert band, from the sight-reading to the performance.
- Use technology specific to a music education curriculum and classroom organization.

Preparation: The music education degree prepares students to teach at the K–12 level in Illinois. Note: The Bachelor of Music Education degree course of study is a 4-5 year program.

A. GENER	AL EDUCATION	42 crs
Computer and Scienc	Competency, Mathematics, ce	
MUED 200	MUSIC CLASSROOM TECHNOLOG	iY 2
MTH 150 o	<i>r</i> higher	3
SCIENCE (r	nust have a lab component)	4
Cross-cult	ural Studies	
EDU 205	MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION	3
Communio	cation and English	
COM 100	FUNDAMENTALS OF	
	COMMUNICATION	3
ENG 111	ENGLISH I: ACADEMIC WRITING	
ENG 112	ENGLISH II: RESEARCH	
	AND WRITING	3
Humanitie	es and Visual and Performing Arts	3
	HY or RELIGION	-
ETHICS		
Social Scie	nces	
PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	3
PSY 153	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOG	Y 3
SSC 105	WORLD GEOGRAPHY	3
	U.S. HISTORY	3
Health		
HPE 158	HEALTH AND WELLNESS	
B. PROFES	SIONAL EDUCATION	
REQUIR	EMENTS	32 crs
EDU 205	MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION	3
EDU 210	INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING (W	V) 3
EDU 350	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY:	
	HUMAN GROWTH AND LEARNIN	G 3
SPE 405	INSTRUCTION OF	
	DIVERSE LEARNERS	3



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EDU 490	STUDENT TEACHING SEMINAR	3
EDU 497	STUDENT TEACHING (MUSIC or	
	PHYSICAL EDUCATION)	12
EDU 499	TEACHING PERFORMANCE	
	ASSESSMENT	0
C. MAIOR	REQUIREMENTS	
-	ISIC EDUCATION 62-70) crs.
MUS 100		•
	(every semester of enrollment)	0
MUS 255	MUSIC THEORY I	3
MUS 255L		1
MUS 256	MUSIC THEORY II	3
	AURAL SKILLS LAB II	1
MUS 322	INTRODUCTION TO CHORAL	
	CONDUCTING	3
or		
MUS 323	INTRODUCTION TO	
	INSTRUMENTAL CONDUCTING	3
MUS 355	MUSIC THEORY III	3
MUS 355L	AURAL SKILLS LAB III	1
MUS 356	MUSIC THEORY IV	3
MUS 361	SURVEY OF MUSIC HISTORY I	3
MUS 362	SURVEY OF MUSIC HISTORY II	3
MUS 363	WORLD MUSIC	3
Applied les	ssons on primary instrument	
(2 crs. the	2 semesters preceding MUL 498;	
1 credit/re	maining semesters) 10) crs.
MUED 199	INTRODUCTION TO	
	MUSIC EDUCATION	1
MUED 298	DISPOSITIONS ASSESSMENT	0
MUED 353	METHODS OF TEACHING	
	GENERAL MUSIC	3
MUED 350	MIDDLE GRADES BAND	
	AND CHOIR METHODS	3
MUED 410	BAND AND CHOIR ORGANIZATION	
	ADVANCED CONDUCTING	
	AND REPERTOIRE	1
MILED 422	CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL	-
	SECONDARY METHODS	3
	APPLIED PIANO	<u> </u>
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	FIRST YEAR GATE JURY	0
	APPLIED PIANO	1
	APPLIED PIANO	1
	PIANO PROFICIENCY GATE	0
MUL 498	SENIOR RECITAL	0

Music Education students are required to pass a piano proficiency exam and must take applied piano lessons every semester until the piano proficiency exam is passed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

FOR THE C	HORAL TRACK	8 crs.
MUL 303	APPLIED PIANO	1
MUL 304	APPLIED PIANO	1
MUL 403	APPLIED PIANO	1
MUL 404	APPLIED PIANO	1
MUE 154	CONCERT CHOIR (each semester)) 0
MUE 254	CHAMBER CHOIR (4 semesters)	0
MUS 325	VOCAL DICTION I	2
MUS 326	VOCAL DICTION II	2

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

FOR THE IN	ISTRUMENTAL TRACK	6 crs.
MUE 148	JAZZ ENSEMBLE (1 semester;	
	concurrent with MUED 337)	0
MUE 154	CONCERT CHOIR (1 semester)	0
MUE 156	CONCERT BAND (each semester)	0
MUED 120	CLASS VOICE FOR	
	THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	
	EDUCATOR	1
MUED 302	WOODWIND METHODS	
	AND TECHNIQUES I	3
MUED 303	WOODWIND METHODS	
	AND TECHNIQUES II	3
MUED 306	BRASS METHODS AND TECHNIQU	ES 3
MUED 308	PERCUSSION METHODS	
	AND TECHNIQUES	3
MUED 335	MARCHING BAND TECHNIQUES	1
MUED 337	JAZZ BAND TECHNIQUES	1
MUS 137	JAZZ IMPROVISATION TECHNIQU	ES 1

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Music Education (MUED)

M C K E N D R E E U N I V E R S I T Y

MUED 120 CLASS VOICE FOR THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EDUCATOR

Fundamentals of correct voice productions including, but not limited to, breathing, breath control, projection, voice health, and study of vowel forms and consonants. This course aids in the development of the student's own voice as needed in front of an instrumental ensemble.

MUED 199

INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC EDUCATION

Students will explore the professional world of teaching music along with current practices and issues. Students will begin the process of thinking and acting as professional music educators using readings, discussions, presentations, interviews, reflections, and opportunities to practice teaching skills.

MUED 200

MUSIC CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

A computer application course directed to the music teacher, including the use of word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and specialized applications for music education and multimedia production. Required for admission to the Teacher Education Program. Prerequisite: declaration of Music Education Major.

MUED 280-289 1-4 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MUSIC EDUCATION

MUED 298

DISPOSITIONS ASSESSMENT

Required of all music education majors. Students will participate in self-assessment, faculty assessment, and an interview with music faculty to determine dispositional readiness for advanced music education courses and pre-student teaching field placements.

MUED 302

WOODWIND METHODS AND TECHNIQUES I

Group instruction on the clarinet and saxophone including pedagogical principles and playing techniques. Individuals will be expected to demonstrate basic performance and teaching proficiency on each instrument.

MUED 303

WOODWIND METHODS AND TECHNIQUES II

Group instruction on the flute, oboe, and bassoon, including pedagogical principles and playing techniques. Individuals will be expected to demonstrate basic performance and teaching proficiency on each instrument.

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BRASS METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Group instruction on trumpet and French horn, trombone, euphonium, and tuba, including pedagogical principles and playing techniques. Individuals will be expected to demonstrate basic performance and teaching proficiency on each instrument.

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PERCUSSION METHODS AND TECHNIQUES Group instruction on each instrument, including pedagogical principles and playing techniques. Individuals will be expected

to demonstrate basic proficiency on each instrument.

MUED 312

INSTRUMENTAL METHODS FOR VOCAL MAJORS

Group instruction on flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion including pedagogical principles and playing techniques. Students will be expected to demonstrate basic performance and teaching proficiency on each instrument.

MUED 335

MARCHING BAND TECHNIQUES Marching Band Techniques is designed to provide an overview of the knowledge and skills percession to organize administer.

of the knowledge and skills necessary to organize, administer, implement, and teach in a marching band program. Topics discussed will cover but are not limited to: marching and pep band curriculum and philosophy, practices and policies, rehearsal planning, music selection, marching techniques, and fundamentals, show design, parades, uniforms and equipment, budget development, and travel planning. Prerequisite: MUL 198.

MUED 337 JAZZ BAND TECHNIQUES

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Jazz Band Techniques addresses all aspects of instrumental jazz instruction (big band and small group). Teaching philosophies, rehearsal techniques, jazz styles, music selection, the inclusion of non-traditional jazz instruments, and resource materials will be examined. Prerequisite: MUL 198.

MUED 350

MIDDLE GRADES BAND AND CHOIR METHODS

Presents specific materials, teaching techniques, and learning experiences for teaching vocal and instrumental music ensembles at the middle grades level. Includes a survey of literature appropriate for school bands and choirs. Involves discussion of physical, psychological, and social changes in the teen and pre-teen student including the changing voice and rehearsal methods designed to promote musical growth. Research on recruitment and retention issues at this level are also presented. Prerequisite: MUED 298.

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MUED 353

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METHODS OF TEACHING GENERAL MUSIC K-12 This course covers the principles of musical development and curriculum planning applied to the teaching of general music in schools, including special populations. Topics discussed will cover but are not limited to: the study of the musical characteristics of children and development of appropriate curriculum; instructional materials and techniques; knowledge and skills of reading, singing, and playing melodies; and related technology and pedagogy for teaching musical understanding, literacy, multi-cultural connections, and creative improvisation. A 50-hour field experience is required. Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in EDU 468. Prerequisite: Admission to the Teacher Education Program and MUL 198.

MUED 380-389 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MUSIC EDUCATION

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MUED 410 BAND AND CHOIR ORGANIZATION

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Prepares the teacher candidate to administer and organize a music program. Topics will include, but not be limited to, booster organizations, fundraising, budgeting, and program development. Prerequisites: Admission to the Teacher Education Program and MUL 198.

MUED 420

ADVANCED CONDUCTING AND REPERTOIRE

This course is designed to enhance conducting and rehearsal techniques for the choral and instrumental ensemble conductor. Emphasis will be placed on stylistic development, score study and rehearsal preparation, hand independence, and communication with ensembles in both verbal and visual manners. Concurrent enrollment: MUED 422.

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CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL SECONDARY METHODS

This course presents specific materials, teaching and rehearsal techniques, and learning experiences at the secondary level. Score study, error detection, transposition, and other topics directly related to directing a secondary ensemble are studied in depth.

MUED 480 1-4 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MUSIC EDUCATION

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SPECIAL TOPICS IN MUSIC EDUCATION	