

MAJOR IN MUSIC (B.M.), MUSIC EDUCATION CONCENTRATION, CHORAL OPTION

Please refer to the main Bachelor of Music, Music Education Concentration page (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-education->

concentration/) for the degree overview, audition link, and fee information.

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

A minimum grade of C (2.000) is required in all music courses used to satisfy the requirements of the BM in Music, Music Education Concentration, Choral Option. Required EDUC courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C (2.000).

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
MU 117	Music Theory I		3
MU 118	Music Theory II		3
MU 127	Aural Skills I		1
MU 128	Aural Skills II		1
MU 131	Introduction to Music History and Literature (GT-AH1)	3B	3
MU 150 ¹	Piano Class I		1
MU 151A	Piano Class II: Music Educators		1
MU 173	Freshman Voice Studio		1
MU 251	Voice Techniques		1
MU 265A	Singers Diction: German/English		1
MU 265B	Singers Diction: French/Italian		1
MU 272Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice		1
MU 286	Practicum-Introduction to Music Education		3
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) ²			2
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1B	3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1C	3
Total Credits			32

Sophomore

EDUC 275	Schools, Society, and Self (GT-SS3)	3C	3
EDUC 340	Literacy and the Learner		3
MU 152	Piano Skills for Choral Directors		1
MU 217	Music Theory III		3
MU 218	Music Theory IV		3
MU 227	Aural Skills III		1
MU 228	Aural Skills IV		1
MU 252C	Instrumental Techniques: Strings		1
MU 272Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice		2
Select one from the following:			2
MU 252A	Instrumental Techniques: Brass		
MU 252B	Instrumental Techniques: Woodwinds		
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) ²			2
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		2	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	4

Historical Perspectives (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives>) 3D 3

Total Credits 32

Junior

EDUC 331	Educational Technology and Assessment		2
EDUC 350	Instruction I-Individualization/Management		3
EDUC 386	Practicum-Instruction I		1
EDUC 474	Elementary Music Methods I		2
EDUC 475	Elementary Music Methods II		2
MU 254	Beginning Conducting		2
MU 318	Arranging and Orchestration		2
MU 355	Choral Conducting and Literature		2
MU 466	Song Literature		2
MU 472Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice		2
Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B (see list below)		4A,4B	6
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) ²			2
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	3

Total Credits 31

Senior

EDUC 450	Instruction II-Standards and Assessment		4
EDUC 476	Choral Methods for Secondary Schools		2
EDUC 485A	Student Teaching: Elementary		6
EDUC 485B	Student Teaching: Secondary		6
EDUC 486E	Practicum: Instruction II		1
EDUC 493A	Seminar: Professional Relations		1
MU 425	Jazz Pedagogy		2
MU 467	Vocal Pedagogy		2
MU 471	Recital	4C	1
MU 472Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice		1
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) ²			1
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	3
Elective			1

Total Credits 31

Program Total Credits: 126

Ensemble Courses

Code	Title	Credits			
MU 201	Men's Chorus	1	MU 305	Colorado State University Concert Choir	1
MU 202	University Chorus	1	MU 309	Jazz Ensemble	1
MU 204	Marching Band	1	MU 310	Jazz Combo	1
MU 205	Concert Band	1	MU 400	Colorado State University Chamber Choir	1
MU 206	Colorado State University Concert Orchestra	1	MU 401	Opera Theater	1-2
MU 300	Women's Chorus	1	MU 402	Theater/Chamber Orchestra	1
MU 302	University Orchestra	1	MU 404	Symphonic Wind Ensemble	1
MU 304	Symphonic Band	1	MU 407	Accompanying	1
			MU 408	Chamber Music	1

Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B Courses

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
MU 332	History of Jazz	4A,4B	3
MU 334	Perspectives in Early Music History	4A,4B	3
MU 335	Music of the Common Practice Era	4A,4B	3
MU 430	20th and 21st Century Music	4A,4B	3
MU 431	American Music	4A,4B	3

¹ Students with previous keyboard experience may test out of MU 150 and use the one credit for an elective

² Students must participate in an ensemble during each semester in which they are enrolled in MU 173, MU 272Q, and MU 472Q. At least once during the program of study this must be achieved by taking MU 408 or through another small ensemble experience.

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program: A minimum grade of C (2.000) is required in all music courses used to satisfy the requirements of the BM in Music, Music Education Concentration, Choral Option. Music majors concentrating in music education must also complete all required education courses with a minimum grade of C (2.000).

To Declare this Major: Audition with department.

Freshman

Semester 1		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
MU 117	Music Theory I	X			3
MU 127	Aural Skills I	X			1
MU 131	Introduction to Music History and Literature (GT-AH1)	X		3B	3
MU 150	Piano Class I	X			1
MU 173	Freshman Voice Studio	X			1
MU 251	Voice Techniques	X			1
MU 265A	Singers Diction: German/English	X			1
MU 286	Practicum-Introduction to Music Education	X			3
Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X			1
Total Credits					15

Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	X		1A	3
MU 118	Music Theory II	X			3
MU 128	Aural Skills II	X			1
MU 151A	Piano Class II: Music Educators	X			1
MU 265B	Singers Diction: French/Italian	X			1
MU 272Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice	X			1
Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X			1
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		X		1B	3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		X		1C	3
Total Credits					17

Sophomore

Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 275	Schools, Society, and Self (GT-SS3)	X		3C	3
MU 217	Music Theory III	X			3
MU 227	Aural Skills III	X			1
MU 252C	Instrumental Techniques: Strings				1
MU 272Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice				1
Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X			1
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)				2	3

Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)	3D	3
MU 151A must be completed by the end of Semester 3.	X	

Total Credits					16
Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 340	Literacy and the Learner	X			3
MU 152	Piano Skills for Choral Directors	X			1
MU 218	Music Theory IV	X			3
MU 228	Aural Skills IV	X			1
MU 272Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice				1
Select one course from the following:					2
MU 252A	Instrumental Techniques: Brass	X			
MU 252B	Instrumental Techniques: Woodwinds	X			
Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X			1
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)				3A	4

Total Credits					16
<i>Junior</i>					
Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 331	Educational Technology and Assessment	X			2
EDUC 474	Elementary Music Methods I	X			2
MU 254	Beginning Conducting				2
MU 472Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice				1
Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B (See list on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X		4A,4B	3
Ensemble (See list on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X			1
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)				3A	3

Total Credits					14
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 350	Instruction I-Individualization/Management	X			3
EDUC 386	Practicum-Instruction I	X			1
EDUC 475	Elementary Music Methods II	X			2
MU 318	Arranging and Orchestration	X			2
MU 355	Choral Conducting and Literature	X			2
MU 466	Song Literature	X			2
MU 472Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice				1
Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B (See list on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X		4A,4B	3
Ensemble (See list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					1

Total Credits					17
<i>Senior</i>					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 450	Instruction II-Standards and Assessment	X			4
EDUC 476	Choral Methods for Secondary Schools	X			2
EDUC 486E	Practicum: Instruction II	X			1
MU 425	Jazz Pedagogy	X			2
MU 467	Vocal Pedagogy	X			2
MU 471	Recital	X		4C	1
MU 472Q	Applied Music Instruction: Voice				1
Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X			1
Elective			X		1
Total Credits					15

Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDUC 485A	Student Teaching: Elementary	X			6
EDUC 485B	Student Teaching: Secondary	X			6
EDUC 493A	Seminar: Professional Relations	X			1
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		X		3B	3
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.		X			
Total Credits					16
Program Total Credits:					126