



ADVISING WORKSHEET
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC
COMMERCIAL MUSIC
GENERAL BULLETIN 2025-2026

TRANSFER INSTITUTION(S):

Montana State University Billings
Advising Center

Phone: 406-657-2240

Fax: 406-657-2302

advising@msubillings.edu

www.msubillings.edu/advice/

Name _____

Student ID # _____

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES

General Education Category	Course #	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Category I: Global Academic Skills (10 credits)					
A. Mathematics (3 credits)					
B. English (3 credits)					
C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)					
D. Skills for College Success ¹ (1 credit)	COLS 108				
Category II: Natural Sciences ² (6 credits)					
A. Life Sciences (3 credits)					
B. Physical Sciences (3 credits)					
Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits)					
A. Social Science (3 credits)					
B. History (3 credits)					
Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)					
Category V: Arts & Humanities (6 credits)					
A. Fine Arts (3 credits) <i>MUSI 114 or 147 – Recommended</i>					
B. Humanities (3 credits)					

¹ In addition to the MUS Transfer Policies (see MUS Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/admissions-registration/registrar-office/>), transfer and re-admit students who transfer in 30 or more credits are not required to meet this category.

² Some majors are required to take specific science labs as part of their requirements. Please speak with an advisor for more information.

A minimum grade of “C-” required in all General Education courses.

Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of “C” in General Education courses.

Reviewed:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS 10 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A - Mathematics 3 credits		
M	105	Contemporary Mathematics 3
M	114	Extended Technical Mathematics 3
M	121	College Algebra 3
M	122	College Trigonometry 3
M	130	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I 3
M	140	College Math for Healthcare 3
M	143	Finite Mathematics 4
M	161	Survey of Calculus 3
M	171	Calculus I 4
STAT	141	Introduction to Statistical Concepts 3
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics 4

Subcategory B - English 3 credits		
WRIT	101	College Writing I 3
WRIT	121	Introduction to Technical Writing 3
WRIT	122	Introduction to Business Writing 3

Subcategory C- Communication & Information Literacy 3 credits		
BMIS	150	Cyber Security and Electronic Communication 3
COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking 3
COMX	115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication 3
COMX	210	Communication in Small Groups 3
HONR	205	Honors Inquiry and Research 3
LSCI	125	Research in the Information Age 3

Subcategory D – Skills for College Success ¹ 1 credit		
COLS	108	The College Experience

CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences, which include lab exercises. ²

Subcategory A – Life Sciences 3 credits		
BIOB	101	Discover Biology ³ 3
BIOB	102	Discover Biology Lab 1
BIOB	120	Fundamentals of Biology Plants and People ³ 3
BIOB	121	Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health 3
BIOB	123	Fund of Biology: The Nature of Nutrition 3
BIOB	160	Principles of Living Systems 3
BIOB	161	Principles of Living Systems Lab 1
SCIN	101	Integrated Sciences I ^{3^} 4

Subcategory B – Physical Sciences 3 credits		
ASTR	110	Introduction to Astronomy 3
ASTR	111	Introduction to Astronomy Lab 1
CHMY	121	Introduction to General Chemistry 3
CHMY	122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab 1
CHMY	141	College Chemistry I 4
CHMY	142	College Chemistry Laboratory I 1
GEO	101	Introduction to Physical Geology 3
GEO	102	Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory 1
GEO	112	Montana Geology 3
GPHY	262	Spatial Sciences Technology & Applications 3
GPHY	263	Spatial Sciences & Technology Lab 1
PHSX	103	Our Physical World ³ 3
PHSX	104	Our Physical World Lab 1
PHSX	205	College Physics I 3
PHSX	206	College Physics I Lab 1
SCIN	103	Integrated Science II ^{3^} 4

CATEGORY II: SOCIAL SCIENCES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Social Sciences 3 credits		
BGEN	105	Introduction to Business 3
COMX	106	Communicating in a Dynamic Workplace 3
ECNS	201	Principles of Microeconomics 3
ECNS	202	Principles of Macroeconomics 3
EDU	105	Education and Democracy 3
GPHY	141	Geography of World Regions 3
HTH	110	Personal Health and Wellness 3
PSCI	220	Introduction to Comparative Government 3
PSCI	210	Introduction to American Government 3
PSYX	100	Introduction to Psychology 3
SOCI	101	Introduction to Sociology 3
SOCI	201	Social Problems 3

Subcategory B - History 3 credits		
HSTA	101	American History I 3
HSTA	102	American History II 3
HSTR	159	World History to 1500 CE 3
HSTR	160	Modern World History 3
PSCI	230	Introduction to International Relations 3

CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY 3 credits

ANTY	220	Culture and Society 3
ARTH	160	Global Visual Culture 3
COMX	212	Introduction to Intercultural Communication 3
GPHY	121	Human Geography 3
HTH	270	Global Health Issues 3
LIT	230	World Literature 3
MUSI	207	World Music 3
NASX	105	Introduction to Native American Studies 3
NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society 3
REHA	201	Introduction to Diversity 3
RLST	170	The Religious Quest 3
SPNS	150	The Hispanic Tradition 3
WGSS	274	Women, Culture, and Society 3

CATEGORY V: ARTS & HUMANITIES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Fine Arts 3 credits		
ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing 3
ARTZ	106	Visual Language-2-D Foundations 3
ARTZ	108	Visual Language-3-D Foundations 3
ARTZ	131	Ceramics for Non-majors 3
CRWR	240	Intro Creative Writing Workshop 3
FILM	160	Introduction to World Cinema 3
LIT	270	Film & Literature 3
MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music 3
MUSI	114	Band: MSUB Symphonic 1
MUSI	131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB 1
MUSI	147	Choral Ensemble: University Chorus 1
PHOT	154	Exploring Digital Photography 3
THTR	101	Introduction to Theatre 3

Subcategory B - Humanities 3 credits		
ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History 3
HONR	111	Perspectives and Understanding 3
LIT	110	Introduction to Literature 3
LIT	213	Montana Literature 3
PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics 3
PHL	111	Philosophies of Life 3
PHL	254	People and Politics 3

¹ In addition to the MUS Transfer Policies (see MUS Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/admissions-registration/registrar-office/>), transfer and re-admit students who transfer in 30 or more credits are not required to meet this category.

² Some majors are required to take specific science labs as part of their requirements. Please speak with an advisor for more information.

³ Course includes lab exercises.

[^] Elementary Education majors can satisfy Natural Sciences by taking SCIN 101 and SCIN 103.

		Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
<i>A minimum grade of C or better is required in all major coursework</i>						
Required Courses						
Music Core Requirements						
MUSI	105	Music Theory I	3			
MUSI	106	Music Theory II	3			
MUSI	135	Keyboard Skills I	1			
MUSI	136	Keyboard Skills II	1			
MUSI	140	Aural Perception I	1			
MUSI	141	Aural Perception II	1			
MUSI	205	Music Theory III	3			
MUSI	206	Music Theory IV	3			
MUSI	235	Keyboard Skills III	1			
MUSI	236	Keyboard Skills IV	1			
MUSI	240	Aural Perception III	1			
MUSI	241	Aural Perception IV	1			
Complete 8 Semesters of: MUSI 190 – (0 Credits)						
MUSI	190	Forum	0			
			0			
			0			
			0			
			0			
			0			
			0			
			0			
Four (4) credits selected from the following performance ensembles: *MUSI 114 Band (MSUB Symphonic), *MUSI 131 (Jazz Ensemble MSUB), and *MUSI 147 Choral Ensemble (MSUB University Chorus)						
^Eight (8) credits (four 2-credit lessons) of Applied Study on main instrument from one of the following: MUSI 195 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, or P						
Four (4) credits selected from the following upper division performance ensembles: MUSI 312 (Choir III: University Chorus), MUSI 331 (Jazz Ensemble II: MSUB), and MUSI 364 (Symphonic Band)						
^Eight (8) credits (four 2-credit lessons) of Applied Study on main instrument from one of the following (R-8): MUSI 395 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, or P						
*MUSI	207	World Music	3			
MUSI	301	Music History I	3			
MUSI	302	Music History II	3			

MUSI	399	Junior Recital	1			
MUSI	440	Orchestration	3			
MUSI	499	Senior Recital	1			

*These courses may satisfy General Education requirements.

Commercial Music Courses						
Select Four (4) credits from the following ensembles:						
MUSI 162A (Chamber Ensemble: Singers) and MUSI 162B (Chamber Ensemble Instrumental)						
Select Four (4) credits from the following ensembles:						
MUSI 362 (Chamber Ensembles III: MSUB) and MUSI 368 (Small Ensemble-Instrumental)						
MUSI 145 (Commercial Percussion/Drum Set) OR MUSI 146 (Commercial Voice)						

MUSI	315	Commercial Composition	2			
MUSI	316	Commercial Arranging	2			
MUSI	317	Commercial Songwriting	2			
MUSI	346	Commercial Improvisation I	1			
MUSI	347	Commercial Improvisation II	1			
MUSI	401	Introduction to the Music Business	2			
MUSI	431	Commercial Keyboard Skills	1			
MUSI	498	Internship/Cooperative Education	3			
MUST	275	Recording Technology I	2			
MUST	375	Recording Technology II	2			
MUST	376	Desktop Music Production	2			
Music Electives – Two (2) credits						

Total 31

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE COMMERCIAL MUSIC

Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
Gen Ed Requirements	31	_____	_____
Music Core Requirements	58	_____	_____
Commercial Music	31	_____	_____
Electives	V	_____	_____
Total	120	_____	_____

*May satisfy General Education requirements

^ Select 8 credits (four 2-credit lessons) of applied study from MUSI 195 and MUSI 395 on main instrument.

Certain courses in this program have prerequisites; students should check the course descriptions for required prerequisites. It is the student's responsibility to know and meet the requirements for graduation. A minimum of 36 credits must be upper division classes (300 and above).

NOTES: