

MUSIC, MINOR

Overview

The music minor offers you flexibility to choose from a wide array of music electives to create a program uniquely matched to your interests. Plus, you can choose to add private lessons to your experience. For that, you'll just need to audition and co-enroll in a performance ensemble.

Note: the music minor does not meet the Wisconsin Department of Instruction requirements for Music Education licensure.

Faculty and Staff

Our inspirational faculty and staff make sure students feel welcome and empowered to think outside the box and explore all possibilities of making art at UWM. Visit the Peck School of the Arts directory (<https://uwm.edu/arts/directory/>) to meet these artists, explore their biographies and engage with recent work.

Minors, Certificates and Microcredentials

Peck School of the Arts minors, certificates and microcredentials are open to all students who have already earned or are currently seeking a degree. Most certificates are also open to non-degree seeking students.

To be admitted individuals must meet general University admission requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/admission-costs/undergraduate-admission/>). To determine aid eligibility, please review all financial aid requirements (<https://uwm.edu/finances/finances/receiving-financial-aid/eligibility-for-financial-aid/>).

Contact us (<https://uwm.edu/arts/contact/>) to get started and one of our Peck School of the Arts advisors will connect with you about your interests and opportunities.

Undergraduate Advising

Academic advising is a collaborative process that empowers students to realize their maximum educational potential. Students are encouraged to visit the Peck School of the Arts Advising & Student Services page (<https://uwm.edu/arts/students/advising/>) to meet with your advisor prior to each semester's registration period. Advisors provide students with individualized appointments to assist with degree requirements, course selection, campus resources, college success strategies, graduation assessment, academic policies and more.

Performance Ensembles

All students must be registered in an approved ensemble concurrent with each semester of private study in lessons. Students pursuing a music degree or certificate are required to participate in performing organizations during their course of study. Directors make ensemble assignments at the beginning of each semester. Only one approved ensemble credit per semester may apply toward degree requirements. The Department of Music recognizes the following approved ensembles: *Alta Voce*, *Bella Voce*, *Concert Chorale*, *Kameraden Chorus*, *Symphony Band*, *Symphony Orchestra* and *Wind Ensemble*. Other performance ensembles may be approved for music minors, students with provisional admission or in certain degree programs.

Credits and Courses

Students must complete at least 22 credits to receive the Minor in Music. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credits at UWM:

Code	Title	Credits
Music Theory ¹		5-7
MUSIC 1 & 123 & 127	Theory Fundamentals and Aural Theory I and Materials of Theory I	5
or		
MUSIC 123 & MUSIC 124 & MUSIC 127 & MUSIC 128	Aural Theory I and Aural Theory II and Materials of Theory I and Materials of Theory II	7
Music History		6
MUSIC 100	Introduction to Classical Music	
MUSIC 102	American Popular Music	
MUSIC 211	General History of Western Music I	
MUSIC 212	General History of Western Music II	
MUSIC 310	Introduction to World Musics	
Electives ²		9-11
Complete 9-11 credits from any area of Music. May include ensembles, lessons, performance practice, or additional theory and history coursework. Students enrolled in a private lesson must also simultaneously enroll in a performance ensemble.		

¹ The Music Theory Placement exam is optional. The exam determines whether a student will start the theory track with MUSIC 1 or MUSIC 123. Students who do not take the exam will be required to complete the Theory Fundamentals track.

² **Elective Lesson Options:** Lessons are not required for the music minor. However, students may take up to four elective credits of lessons. Concurrent enrollment in a large ensemble is required. Lessons are available per successful ensemble audition. **Elective Ensemble Options:** Ensembles may be repeated for credit. Students may enroll in the same music ensemble for multiple semesters (up to 8 total and dependent upon audition), and each semester of enrollment fulfills one credit towards the minor. Audition required.

Music, Minor Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Minor in Music will be able to:

- Recognize and distinguish music from European art music history, American popular music styles, and/or from a variety of other world cultures and traditions, based on musical and stylistic features.
- Demonstrate some understanding of music theory, especially as it relates to the performance of works in popular styles.
- Perform music in popular and folk styles, on an instrument such as guitar, piano or voice and be able to articulate the historical and cultural context for that music.
- Express ideas about music in written form demonstrating a mastery of factual knowledge, bibliographic resources, analytical method, critical thinking, and the ability to construct a coherent and well-organized argument.

Contact

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