Music

MUS 110  Music Theory I
A study of the fundamentals of music, diatonic harmony, and basic musical structures. The course aims to develop skills in common-practice part writing, improvisation, the use of music notation software, composition and analysis, and is preparation for intermediate and advanced work in music theory. Offered fall semester. 3 Semester Hours.

MUS 111  Foundations of Musicianship
The course will serve as a primer for freshman music majors in need of preparatory work in musicianship prior to taking the musicianship skills sequence (MUS 113, 211, 213). Topics will include introductory work in basic vocal production, solfege-based sight-singing, rhythmic production, and ear training. Prerequisites: The musicianship entrance exam, given the week before the fall semester begins. Music majors and minors who do not achieve a minimum score on the exam will be required to enroll in MUS 111 before taking MUS 113. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 112  Music Theory II
The continued study of diatonic harmonic and musical structure and beginning work in chromatic harmony. The course aims to develop skills in common-practice part writing, improvisation, composition and analysis, and the use of music notation software in the study of form, non-harmonic tones, triads and seventh chords in inversions, harmonic sequences, secondary dominant function, and modulation. Prerequisite: MUS 110. Offered spring semester. 3 Semester Hours.

MUS 113  Musicianship Skills I
An introductory course in sight-singing and melodic and harmonic perception. The course aims to develop skills in identifying, notating, and performing scales, intervals, rhythms, melodies, and harmonies, and in improvisation. Both in-class singing, and identification/dictation and computer-assisted instruction are used. Offered fall semester. Prerequisite: MU 111 or passage of musicianship entrance exam. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 140  Vocal Techniques and Diction
A course in which students will learn the fundamentals of voice production, principles of diction for singers, teaching methods, the International Phonetic Alphabet, the elements of interpretation, and stage deportment. Offered fall semester. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 141  Brass Instruments
A course designed to acquaint the student with performance techniques, teaching methods, literature, and maintenance of brass instruments. Offered spring semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 143  Piano Class I
An introductory course in piano technique. The course seeks to begin to develop skills necessary for successful completion of the piano proficiency examination. Emphasis will be placed on rudimentary sight-reading, improvisation, scales, arpeggios, and harmonic progressions. Music majors (B.A. and B.M.) successfully completing the piano proficiency examination after completing this course may be exempted by the department from the remaining courses (MUS 144, MUS 243, and MUS 244) in the piano class sequence. Offered fall semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 144  Piano Class II
An introductory course in piano technique that builds on skills developed in Piano Class I. The course seeks to begin to develop skills necessary for successful completion of the piano proficiency examination. Emphasis will be placed on rudimentary sight-reading, improvisation, scales, arpeggios, and harmonic progressions. Music majors (B.A. and B.M.) successfully completing the piano proficiency examination after completing this course may be exempted by the department from the remaining courses (MUS 243 and MUS 244) in the piano class sequence. Prerequisite: MUS143. Offered in the spring semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 150  Introduction to Music Education
A survey of the music education profession and the total music program in various school settings. Historical, sociological, and philosophical foundations of American music education will be considered, as well as the roles of assessment, research, curriculum, and instruction. Twenty clock hours of field experience are required. This introductory course is designed for the prospective teacher in music education and serves as the beginning course in the professional sequence for multiage music teacher candidates. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 200A  Music, the Arts and Culture
The study of the basic elements, forms, stylistic traditions, social functions, and standard literature of vernacular and concert music throughout history. Music’s relationships with other art forms, historical periods and movements, religion, and politics are explored, as are the processes of artistic creation and interpretation. Students will begin to develop the tools to evaluate and place into context artistic works. Attendance at concerts and other cultural events throughout the semester is required. 4 Semester Hours.
MUS 201  History and Analysis of Western Music I
A course that consists of an overview of Western music history, followed by more in-depth study of the music of the early Greek period through the Baroque period. The connectedness of music, religion, philosophy, politics, and the arts of the periods is also explored. The course also covers research techniques. Prerequisite: MUS 210. Offered spring semester. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 210  Music Theory III
An advanced course in chromatic harmony and the compositional and analytical systems of the twentieth century through the present. The course aims to develop skills in part writing, analysis, composition, and improvisation. Prerequisite: MUS 112. Offered fall semester 3 Semester Hours.

MUS 211  Musicianship Skills II
An intermediate course in sight-singing and melodic and harmonic perception. The course aims to further enhance those skills developed in MUS 113. Prerequisites: MUS 112 and MUS 113. Offered fall semester. 3 Semester Hours.

MUS 213  Musicianship Skills III
An intermediate to advanced course in sight-singing and melodic and harmonic perception. The course aims to further enhance those skills developed in MUS 113, and MUS 211. Prerequisite: MUS 112, MUS 211. Offered spring semester. 3 Semester Hours.

MUS 240  Stringed Instruments
A course designed to acquaint the student with performance techniques, teaching methods, literature, and maintenance of bowed stringed instruments. Co-requisite: MUS 367. Offered fall semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 242  Woodwind Instruments
A course designed to acquaint the student with performance techniques, teaching methods, literature, and maintenance of woodwind instruments. Offered fall semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 243  Piano Class III
An intermediate course in piano technique. The course seeks to continue to develop skills necessary for successful completion of the piano proficiency examination. Emphasis will be placed on rudimentary sight-reading, improvisation, scales, arpeggios, and harmonic progressions. Music majors (B.A. and B.M.) successfully completing the piano proficiency examination after completing this course may be exempted by the department from the remaining course (MUS 244) in the piano class sequence. Prerequisite: MUS 144. Offered fall semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 244  Piano Class IV
An intermediate course in piano technique. The course seeks to continue to develop skills necessary for successful completion of the piano proficiency examination. Emphasis will be placed on rudimentary sight-reading, improvisation, scales, arpeggios, and harmonic progressions. Prerequisite: MUS 243. Offered spring semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 245  Percussion Instruments
A course designed to acquaint the student with performance techniques, teaching methods, literature, and maintenance of percussion instruments. Offered spring semester. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 250H  Music in American Life
A survey of musical practices and genres of the United States of America, how these have reflected and informed groups of Americans throughout history, and how they continue to relate to the American experience today. From the music of Native Americans and the music of the colonial era to the latest in popular music styles, the course includes such diverse areas as folk, church, country, jazz, blues, concert, stage, and popular music. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 260-270  Large Ensembles
Course designed to study the music of various composers, periods, and styles through performance. Students will have the opportunity to study the conductors as role models in such areas as rehearsal pacing, rehearsal technique, and conducting technique, an aspect of the course that may be of particular interest to B.M. in Music Education students. All performance ensembles are open through audition. Due to the evolving nature of the repertoire prepared each semester by these ensembles, these courses may be taken multiple times, but not for a “change of grade.” Ensembles are not available for audit. For MUS 268, concurrent co-requisite registration in MUS 269 is required.

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MUS 279  Applied Pedagogy
This course aims to develop appropriate studio teaching techniques through observation, study of pedagogical practices, and study of pedagogical literature in the student’s primary performance area. Successful completion of this course enables students, upon permission of the instructor, to participate as student teachers under faculty supervision in the Preparatory Division of the Department of Music. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 300  Special Topics in Music and Society
A variable series of courses that will be individually designed around Mount Union’s Integrative Core requirement for Themes courses. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 301  History and Analysis of Western Music II
A study of the history and development of Western music from the Classical period through the present. The connectedness of music, religion, politics, and the arts of the periods is also explored. Offered fall semester. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 310  Orchestration and Arranging
In this course, students will learn the description, ranges, and use of instruments in scoring for various instrumental ensembles, including orchestra, concert band, and marching band. Some attention may be given to arranging for choral and mixed choral/instrumental ensembles. The course includes the working out of exercises in orchestration and a major scoring project. In-class performances of scoring assignments provide for a practical laboratory experience as part of the course. Prerequisite: MUS 210, MUS 213, and completion of proficiency requirements in piano. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 314  Music Technology for the Performing Musician
In this course students will learn through hands-on activities the basics of live and studio recording, live sound reinforcement, audio transducers, and self-promotion through digital and social media outlets. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite for this course. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 315  Digital Sound
The course covers a variety of topics relating to the treatment of sound and sound processing as a digital medium. Students will learn through hands-on activities and on-line materials the basics of digital recording and sound sampling, including the study of synthesis, digital sound processing, music hardware communications, and web-based multimedia. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite for this course. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 320  Choral Conducting and Literature
This course aims to help the student develop expressive conducting through score analysis, development of rehearsal strategies, control of dynamics and tempo, and communicating with words, gestures, facial and bodily expressions. It also includes a survey of secular and sacred choral literature from the medieval to contemporary eras. The motet, mass, oratorio, madrigal, chansons, and composition in contemporary idioms are analyzed in terms of stylistic development. Prerequisite: Grade of “C” or higher in MUS 210 and MUS 213. Offered fall semester. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 321  Instrumental Conducting and Literature
Further development of conducting techniques, principles, and skills introduced in Choral Conducting, including score reading, musical terminology, transposition, compound and non-symmetrical meters, and organizing the rehearsal. The course also includes a study of the emergence of instrumental ensembles (including orchestral, band, and jazz ensembles) and the subsequent development of literature for these ensembles. Major materials for the course include the large collection of recordings and scores available in Sturgeon Music Library. Prerequisite: MUS 210 with a grade of “C” or better and MUS 213 with a grade of “C” or better. Offered spring semester. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 330  Music Methods: Early Childhood
The study of curricula, methods, activities, and materials for the teaching of music to all children in pre-school through the third grade by means of field observations, demonstrations, and lectures. A weekly one-hour guitar-techniques laboratory and field experience are required in order to complete course assignments. Prerequisites: MUS 210, MUS 213, completion of the proficiency requirements in piano, successful completion of the Department’s sophomore evaluation, and admission to the Teacher Education Program. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 331  Music Methods
Middle Childhood and Adolescence to Young Adult. The study of curricula, methods, activities, and materials for the teaching of vocal music, including music appreciation and music theory, to all students in the middle childhood and adolescence to young adult program areas. Field experience is required in order to complete course assignments. Prerequisites: MUS 210, MUS 213,
completion of the proficiency requirements in piano, successful completion of the Department’s sophomore evaluation, and admission to the Teacher Education Program. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 350  Hearing Heaven: Death, Dying, and the Music of Mahler
A theme course that explores the topics of death and the afterlife through the study of Gustav Mahler. Through study and analysis of Mahler’s life, philosophical and religious views, music, and choice of literary texts in his works, students will debate and defend the purpose and meaning of the composer’s multiple statements on death and the afterlife. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 352  World Music and Ethnographic Music Study
A survey of global music with emphasis on Native America, India, Indonesia, Japan, and Africa. A brief history of each culture is presented with an analysis of the music, including theoretical systems on which it is based, a study of the instruments and the types of notation used. The course also includes an introduction to ethnographic field research and a field research project. Offered spring semester. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 361-385  Small Ensembles
Course designed to study the music of various composers, periods, and styles through performance. Of special interest to Music Education majors, these ensembles provide a practical chamber music laboratory that emphasizes the type of coaching to be done in their future teaching careers. Prerequisite: Audition or permission of the instructor. Due to the evolving nature of repertoire prepared each semester by these ensembles, these courses may be taken multiple times, but not for a “change of grade.” Ensembles are not available for audit. 0.5 Semester Hour each.

MUS 360  Music Methods – Instrumental
Organizing the instrumental music program, including concert bands, marching bands, orchestras, and small ensembles; a survey of the problems of instrumental teaching at various age and ability levels; the care and repair of musical instruments; and a study of methods and materials for class and private instruction. A portion of the course will be devoted to charting and scoring techniques for marching band, including the use of various computer software packages. Field experience is required in order to complete course assignments. The Ohio Competency Based Model for Arts Education will be addressed in this course. Prerequisites: MUS 141, MUS 240, MUS 242, MUS 245, MUS 320, MUS 321, and admission to the Teacher Education Program. 4 Semester Hours.

MUS 380  Jazz Band
MUS 381  Collegium Musicum
MUS 385  Other Ensemble

MUS 430  Clinical Practice: Multi-Age Music
The candidate assumes responsibility for teaching music in a school setting for a minimum of 300 total clock hours. An additional 30 clock hours of field/clinical experience are required prior to the beginning of clinical practice. The course is graded S/U. The Field Placement Coordinator arranges field placement and required group seminars. Prerequisites: Completion of MUS 320 and MUS 321 with a “C” or better, proficiency requirements in piano, and completion of all other coursework required for the Bachelor of Music degree. See Entry into Clinical Practice and the Music Student Handbook for additional prerequisites. 12 Semester Hours.

MUS 450  Special Projects in Music
Special work adapted to majors in music who wish to pursue fields of interest not covered in the regular departmental offerings. May be repeated. Some possible areas of exploration include advanced form and analysis, counterpoint, advanced conducting, musicology, and pedagogy. Permission of the instructor is required. 1-4 Semester Hours.
MUS 460-481  Applied Lessons in Music (Private Instruction)
Courses designed to guide the student in gaining proficiency on their instrument. The student will work one on one with an expert teacher to learn performance techniques, literature, wellness issues, and practice techniques for the instrument, as well as providing the potential future music educator with an example to emulate in the techniques of private teaching and pedagogy. All students registered for private music lessons must stop at the Visual and Performing Arts Office, located in Cope Music Hall, during the first week of the semester to make arrangements for lesson times. Due to the evolving nature of repertoire prepared for private music lessons, these courses may be taken multiple times, but not for a “change of grade.” Students must meet departmental requirements regarding recital attendance (see Music Student Handbook for details). Extra fee required. Credit variable, 1-2 Semester Hours.

- MUS 460  Piano
- MUS 461  Organ
- MUS 462  Harpsichord
- MUS 463  Voice
- MUS 464  Violin
- MUS 465  Viola
- MUS 466  Violoncello
- MUS 467  String Bass
- MUS 468  Electric Bass
- MUS 469  Guitar
- MUS 470  Harp
- MUS 471  Flute
- MUS 472  Oboe
- MUS 473  Clarinet
- MUS 474  Saxophone
- MUS 475  Bassoon
- MUS 476  Trumpet
- MUS 477  French Horn
- MUS 478  Euphonium
- MUS 479  Trombone
- MUS 480  Tuba
- MUS 481  Percussion

MUS 482  Applied Composition and Analysis
This course is designed to guide the student in gaining proficiency in composition. The student will work one on one with an expert teacher to learn music composition techniques, literature, scoring, and analysis, wellness issues, as well as providing the potential future music educator with an example to emulate in the techniques of private teaching and pedagogy. Due to the evolving nature of private music composition lessons, these courses may be taken multiple times, but not for a “change of grade”. Students must meet departmental requirements regarding recital attendance (see Music Student Handbook for details). Extra fee required. Credit variable. 1-2 Semester Hours

MUS 486  Collaborative Piano Recital
This course is designed for pianist students preparing and performing a collaborative piano recital. Performance of the recital is contingent upon the student performing and passing a pre-recital hearing no fewer than four weeks before the proposed recital date. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. This course is graded S/U. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 487  Senior Project: Bachelor of Arts in Music
Independent study/senior research paper and/or full recital or lecture-recital. Proficiency requirements in piano must be passed before registering for this course. Please see the Music Student Handbook for pre-recital hearing requirements for recitals and lecture-recitals. Prerequisites: MUS 213, senior standing, and permission of the instructor. 3 Semester Hours.

MUS 488  Joint Recital
For students giving joint recitals. Please see the Music Student Handbook for pre-recital hearing requirements. Prerequisites: Sophomore or junior standing and permission of the instructor. This course is graded S/U. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 489  Recital
The student will prepare and present a full recital to be performed on their primary instrument. Please see the Music Student Handbook for pre-recital hearing requirements. Prerequisites: MUS 213, junior or senior standing, and permission of the instructor. This course is graded S/U. 1 Semester Hour.

MUS 490  Senior Recital
This course consists of an independent study/senior research paper and full recital. Proficiency requirements in piano and basic musicianship skills must be passed before registering for this course. Please see the Music Student Handbook for pre-recital hearing requirements. Prerequisites: MUS 213, senior standing, and permission of instructor. This course is graded S/U. 2 Semester Hours.

MUS 494  Honors Thesis/Project
Please see All-University 494 course description.