

**2025-2026 Four Year Degree Plan for:
Bachelor of Arts in Music
Any instrument ¹**

Note: Students in the B.A. in Music degree might wish to consult this webpage for more information and ideas about this degree: <http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/Crane/MusicTheory/bamusic.cfm>.

<u>First Year</u>	
<u>Fall Semester</u> ~15 credit hours MUCC 111 Keyboard Skills I MUCC 103 Theory I ² MUCC 104 Aural Skills I ² MUCS 420 Performance Class Ensemble(s) WAYS 101 Critical Thinking Seminar WAY 102 College Writing Seminar - or - WAYS 103 Talking about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Seminar	<u>Spring Semester</u> ~15 credit hours MUCC 112 Keyboard Skills II MUCC 105 Theory II ² MUCC 106 Aural Skills II ² MUCS 420 Performance Class Ensemble(s) WAY 102 College Writing Seminar - or - WAYS 103 Talking about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Seminar Non-music course ³ PE/HW course
<u>Second Year</u>	
<u>Fall Semester</u> ~16 credit hours MUCC 203 Theory III ² MUCC 204 Aural Skills III ² MUCH 201 Music History I ² MUCS 420 Performance Class Ensemble(s) Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³	<u>Spring Semester</u> ~16 credit hours MUCC 205 Theory IV ² MUCC 206 Aural Skills IV ² MUCH 202 Music History II ² MUCS 420 Performance Class Ensemble(s) Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³
<u>Third Year</u>	
<u>Fall Semester</u> ~15 credit hours MUCH 323 Music History III - or - Non-Music course ³ Free Music Elective (~2 cr) Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³ PE/HW course	<u>Spring Semester</u> ~ 15 credit hours MUCH 323 Music History III - or - Non-Music course ³ Free Music Elective (~3 cr) Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³
<u>Fourth Year</u>	
<u>Fall Semester</u> ~ 15 credit hours Upper Division Music Theory/History Elective Free Music Elective (~3 cr) Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³	<u>Spring Semester</u> 15 credit hours MUCR 468: Capstone Project for Bachelor of Arts in Music Upper Division Music Theory/History Elective Free Music Elective (~2 cr) Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³ Non-music course ³

NOTES:

¹ Different instruments will have somewhat different ensemble requirements. Details about ensemble requirements can be found in the Crane Student Handbook (in section V). Additionally, students for whom piano is their primary instrument do not take Keyboard I and II (MUCC 111 & 112).

² These courses are pre-registered and should appear on the student's schedule prior to the schedule being released.

³ See page 2 for detailed information about non-music requirements but note that all B.A. students must take a minimum of 64 credits of non- music courses.

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- 120 total minimum credit hours in degree
- 56 total minimum credit hours in music
- 64 total minimum credit hours outside of music.
 - Note that all courses with subject codes starting “MU” are music courses.
- 90 total minimum liberal arts credit hours in the degree (music or non-music courses).

Music Courses:

Basic Musicianship:

MUCC 111 & 112: Keyboard Skills I & II (2 cr)
MUCT 103, 105, 203, 205: Theory I, II, III, IV (12 cr)
MUCT 104, 106, 204, 206: Aural Skills I, II, III, IV (4 cr)
MUCH 201, 202, 323: Music History I, II, III (9 cr)

Performance:

MUCS 420 Performance Class (4 semesters @ 2 cr = 8 cr)
Non-credited performance requirements: Pass Level A
Ensembles (4 semesters @ 1 cr = 4 cr): Winds/Brass/Percussion/Strings: 4 semesters of major instrumental ensembles Voice: 4 semesters of major choral ensembles Piano/Harp: 4 semesters of major ensembles Guitar: 4 semester of guitar ensemble <i>The 4 semesters of ensemble must be taken during the student's first two years</i> <i>For more, see ensemble information in the Crane Student Handbook (Section V)</i>

Capstone and Music Electives:

Upper Division History or Theory (MUCH or MUCT 3XX or 4XX) (2 @ 3 cr = 6 cr)
Free Music Elective (Limit 1 ensemble per semester) (10 cr)
MUCR 468: Capstone Project for Bachelor of Arts in Music (1 cr)

General Education Courses

Students must complete the required number of credits within each General Education designation. Some general education requirements are fulfilled with required music courses, as noted.

Ways of Beginning (to be taken in year one):

WAYS 101: Critical Thinking Seminar (3 cr)
WAYS 102 College Writing Seminar (3 cr)
WAYS 103 Talking about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Seminar (3 cr)

Ways of Thinking:

Thinking Aesthetically (TA): fulfilled by MUCT 103 Theory I (0 cr)
Thinking Historically (TH - 3 cr)
Thinking Mathematically (TM - 3 cr)
Thinking Scientifically: Natural World (NW - 4 cr)
Thinking Scientifically: Social World (SW - 3 cr)

Ways of Connecting:

Connecting through Language Other than English (CL- 0 to 3 cr)
Connecting Globally (CG- 3 cr): fulfilled by MUCH 202 Music History II (0 cr)
Connecting Clearly: Communication in the Major (CM): fulfilled by MUCH 323 Music History III (0 cr)
Connecting Theory to Practice through Applied Learning (CT): fulfilled by MUCR 468: Capstone Project for Bachelor of Arts in Music (0 cr)

Additional Courses Outside of Music

Two Physical Education / Health & Wellness (PE or HW) courses.
Students will need to take approximately 36 <u>additional</u> credits of non-music courses. The exact number will depend on the exact courses taken to fulfill the General Education requirements. The total minimum number of non-music credits required for this degree is 64.