



College of Music

B.M. Performance (Specialization: Orchestral Instruments)

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This four-year plan provides a model for on-time completion of this UNT program. Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) show how course transfers apply to UNT degree requirements. The four-year plan also shows the first point when no TCCNS options are available for this program. See the current [Undergraduate Catalog](#) for course prerequisites. Course availability at UNT is subject to change, and the plan shown below may change based on updates to UNT's course offerings

First Year Fall		First Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
UNT Core: Mathematics	See list of approved courses	ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700	ENGL 1302 or 2311
ENGL 1310	ENGL 1301	MUAG 1014	N/A
MUAG 1013	N/A	MUAM 15xx	N/A
MUAM 15xx	N/A	MULB 18xx ¹	N/A
MULB 18xx ¹	N/A	MUTH 1500	MUSI 1312
MUTH 1400	MUSI 1311	MUTH 1510	MUSI 1117
MUTH 1410	MUSI 1116	Music Communication & Literature Course ²	MUSI 1307

Second Year Fall		Second Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
MUAM 15xx	N/A	UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses
MULB 18xx ¹	N/A	MUAM 15xx	N/A
MUTH 2400	MUSI 2311	MULB 18xx ¹	N/A
MUTH 2410	MUSI 2116 or 2216	MUTH 2500	MUSI 2312
PHYS 1270	N/A	MUTH 2510	MUSI 2117 or 2217
PSCI 2305	GOVT 2305	PSCI 2306	GOVT 2306
Chamber Music Course ³ (Advanced)	N/A	Chamber Music Course ³ (Advanced)	N/A

¹ Up to 4 hours of **MULB** (music laboratory) can be received in transfer, no TCCNS values established. All Bachelor of Music majors must have a minimum of 4 semesters of **MULB** at UNT. This degree requires a minimum of 8 semesters of **MULB** credit. Select from **MULB** 1805, 1806, 1807, 1809, 1810, 1812, 1813, or 1825 at UNT. Note that **MULB** 1805 is specified for majors in violin, viola, cello and double bass and **MULB** 1825 is specified for majors in classical guitar.

² Select from **MUMH** 1610, 2050, 2060, 3100, or 3200.

³ Select from **MUCM** 3510, 3520, 3530, 3540, 3560, 3617, 3621, or 3630 (all at UNT only). Double Bass majors will complete 4 semesters of Orchestral Excerpts (**MUGC** 4890) as part of this requirement. Guitar majors must take two credit hours of **MUAG** 3130 in addition to **MUCM** 3621 to fulfill this 6-hour requirement.

Must pass the Piano Proficiency Exam, or continue enrolling in secondary piano each long term/semester until the proficiency is passed.

*Must pass the Upper Division Exam to continue in applied study at the **MUAM** 3500 level.*



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UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses
UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences	See list of approved courses	MUAG 4360 or 4370 ⁴	N/A
MUAM 35xx	N/A	MUAM 35xx	N/A
MULB 18xx ¹	N/A	MULB 18xx ¹	N/A
MUMH 3500	N/A	MUMH 3510	N/A
Chamber Music Course ³ (Advanced)	N/A	Chamber Music Course ³ (Advanced)	N/A
Elective	Consult UNT advisor		

Fourth Year Fall		Fourth Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
MUAG 3800	N/A	MUAG 4710	N/A
MUAM 35xx	N/A	MUET 3030	N/A
MULB 18xx ¹	N/A	MULB 18xx ¹	N/A
MUTH 3510	N/A	Chamber Music Course ³ (Advanced)	N/A
Chamber Music Course ³ (Advanced)	N/A	Music Elective ⁵ (Advanced)	N/A
Music Elective ⁵ (Advanced)	N/A	Elective	Consult UNT advisor
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³ Select from **MUCM** 3510, 3520, 3530, 3540, 3560, 3617, 3621, or 3630 (all at UNT only). Double Bass majors will complete 4 semesters of Orchestral Excerpts (**MUGC** 4890) as part of this requirement. Guitar majors must take two credit hours of **MUAG** 3130 in addition to **MUCM** 3621 to fulfill this 6-hour requirement.

⁴ **MUAG** 4360 or 4370 (at UNT only) may be offered only in the summer.

⁵ Select from **MUAE** 3100, **MUAG** 3500, **MUCE** 4000, **MUCP** 3090, 3320, 3670, 4695, **MUJS** 3070, a 3000-level or 4000-level **MUTH** or **MUET** course, or a 4000-level **MUMH** or **MUAG** literature course (all at UNT only). **MUTH** 3420 (at UNT only) is required for Woodwind majors.



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All students applying for the Performance Degree in the College of Music must audition and be accepted on their major performing instrument (or voice). Auditions are held early in the spring semester for the following year's admittance. Lessons from any other school are not automatically equivalent to UNT lessons.

All Performance majors are required to pass the UNT Piano Proficiency exam for graduation. The lower-level courses in piano at UNT are designed to prepare students directly for this examination. Students who transfer in these courses are responsible for all content covered in UNT courses.

Performance majors also must pass the Upper Divisional exam in the principal instrument or voice.

Courses Recommended for Transfer

The UNT Core requirements are shown with Texas Common Course Numbering System values only when UNT offers equivalent courses. There may be other courses in transfer that apply toward the specific degree requirement, but those listed are known to apply.

UNT Core: Communication

ENGL 1301; and **ENGL 1302** or 2311

A grade of 'C' or higher is required on courses applied toward this requirement.

ENGL 1301 and 1302 are recommended.

UNT Core: Mathematics

One course chosen from: **BUSI 2305**; **MATH 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342, 2312** or 2412, 2313 or 2413

MATH 1332 is recommended.

UNT Core: Life and Physical Sciences

One course for this requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Performance (Orchestral Instruments) major requirements. In addition, complete one course from the list below (Consult UNT advisor for more options).

- **ANTH 2401** or 2301/2101
- **ASTR 1403** or 1303/1103
- **ASTR 1404** or 1304/1104
- **BIOL 1408** or 1308/1108
- **BIOL 2406** or 2306/2106
- **GEOL 1401** or 1301/1101
- **GEOL 1403** or 1303/1103
- **PHYS 1403** or 1303/1103
- **PHYS 1404** or 1304/1104
- **PHYS 1410** or 1310/1110
- **PHYS 1415** or 1315/1115

UNT Core: American History

Two courses chosen from: **HIST 1301, 1302, 2301**

UNT Core: Government/Political Science

GOVT 2305 and **2306**

UNT Core: Creative Arts

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Performance (Orchestral Instruments) major requirements.

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Performance (Orchestral Instruments) major requirements.

UNT Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences

One course chosen from: **ANTH 2346, 2351**; **BUSI 1307**; **COMM 1307**; **CRJ 1301**; **ECON 2301** or 2302; **GEOG 1303**; **PSYC 2301**; **SOCI 1301**; **SOCW 2361**; **SPCH 1318**; **TECA 1354**

UNT Core: Core Option Courses

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Performance (Orchestral Instruments) major requirements.

Performance (Orchestral Instruments): Major Requirements

TCCNS options:

- **MUSI 1116**
- **MUSI 1117**
- **MUSI 1307** (also fulfills the Creative Arts core requirement)
- **MUSI 1311**
- **MUSI 1312**
- **MUSI 2116** or 2216
- **MUSI 2117** or 2217
- **MUSI 2311**
- **MUSI 2312**

Courses listed above are TCCNS options and do not include all courses required for the B.M. Performance (Orchestral Instruments) major.

Performance (Orchestral Instruments): Additional Requirements

All non-keyboard majors must enroll in secondary piano each long term/semester until proficiency is passed.

Students who specialize in woodwinds are required to take **MUTH 3420** (at UNT only) as one of their two advanced electives in music.

Students who specialize in violin, viola, cello, or double bass must:

- Have a minimum of eight terms/semesters of **MULB 1805** (at UNT only) - Orchestra each long term/semester
- Have a minimum of 2 hours in a performance versatility requirement chosen from a secondary stringed instrument, orchestral repertoire, or applied lessons on a baroque instrument
- Preparation of two programs of representative works from classic, romantic, and contemporary styles. The equivalent of one-half recital must be given the junior year and a full recital in the senior year

Proficiency Exams:

- Piano Proficiency Examination
- Successful completion of the Upper Division Examination in applied lessons



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Performance (Orchestral Instruments): Graduation Requirements

Completion of 20–32 hours in the major instrument/voice (the number of hours varies according to the instrument).

Completion of 6–16 hours supplementing the major instrument (literature, pedagogy, diction, chamber music, advanced conducting).

Demonstration of proficiency in solo playing in public recitals, and in ensemble and chamber music, as appropriate.

Presentation of all senior recital capstone requirements, content approved in advance and public performance graded by faculty. All proficiencies (including piano and the Upper Division Examination) must be met the semester before applying for the senior recital capstone.

Completion of 6–12 hours in upper-level **MUTH, MUMH, MUAG, MUET, MUCE, MUCP** and/or **MUJS**. Credit hours and courses vary by performance area.

Other music and general elective hours (see program outlines below for specific recommendations).

A total of 121–132 hours are required.

College of Music: Admission Requirements

Admission to the College of Music is contingent on clear admission to the university. Those students who intend to be Performance majors must qualify by audition on their principal instrument or voice. Preference will be given to applications received by December 1 for fall admission. For additional procedures and opportunities, please contact the College of Music.

Students unable to audition in person may submit a recording representative of their performance abilities.

All students will have the opportunity to take a placement examination in piano after attending orientation.

Special Notes

Hours Required and General/College Requirements: A minimum of 121 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree as specified in the General University Requirements section of the UNT catalog and the College of Music requirements.

UNT Core Curriculum/Transfer of Core Curriculum: UNT complies with the mandate of the Texas Legislature regarding [Core requirements](#) for state-assisted institutions. Students who successfully complete the common core curriculum (in whole or in part) at a Texas state-assisted institution of higher education are eligible to transfer as “core complete” for those categories in the UNT University Core Curriculum.

Individual academic programs may require courses contained in parts of the University Core Curriculum. Students who wish to take courses that will fulfill both core and major/program requirements simultaneously should check with academic advisors for assistance in selecting core courses.

Choice of Catalog: Any student transferring directly from a Texas public community college to UNT shall have the same choice of catalog designating degree requirements as the student would have had if the dates of attendance at the university had been the same as the dates of attendance at the community college.

The College of Music required curriculum and policies are located in the [undergraduate catalog](#) under the corresponding catalog year.

For additional program and contact information, visit the College of Music Student Advising website at <https://music.unt.edu/advising>.