Duluth Campus

Jazz Studies B.Mus.

Music

School of Fine Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 93
- Degree: Bachelor of Music

The B.Mus. in jazz studies is for students pursuing programs of intensive study to prepare for professional careers in jazz studies and/or for acceptance into a graduate degree program, to assist students to acquire high quality jazz performance artistry, and to provide students advanced historical, and theoretical knowledge of jazz music(s).

Department honors requirements: Candidates, nominated by music department faculty, receive honors for distinguished achievement in musical performance, composition, or exceptional ability and accomplishment as a music educator.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

A GPA above 2.0 is preferred for the following:

- 2.50 transferring from outside the University

Students must pass a performance audition to be accepted into any music degree program. At the time of the audition, students must also complete diagnostic examinations in theory/aural/keyboard skills and an interview with the department head or an appointed designee. Any student who receives provisional acceptance into a degree program must pass a review (usually at the end of the first semester) to receive full acceptance. That review includes recommendations of major instructors and successful completion of an applied jury. Transfer students must have a 2.50 GPA.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. Minimum of C- in all required courses.

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Introductory Course (1 cr)
Music majors register for 1 cr
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Music Core (22 cr)
MU 100 - Recital Hour (0.0 cr)
MU 1111 - Tonal Harmony I (3.0 cr)
MU 1112 - Ear-Training and Sight-Singing I (1.0 cr)
MU 1121 - Tonal Harmony II [LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
MU 1122 - Ear-Training II (1.0 cr)
MU 2111 - Tonal Harmony III (3.0 cr)
MU 2112 - Ear-Training III (1.0 cr)
MU 2121 - Tonal Harmony IV (3.0 cr)
MU 2122 - Ear-Training, Sight Singing and Improvisation (1.0 cr)
MU 3201 - Music History I (3.0 cr)
MU 3202 - Music History II (3.0 cr)

Major Core Requirements (24 cr)
MU 4997 (Register for 1 cr)
MU 1005 - Jazz Studies [LE CAT, LECD C, FINE ARTS, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
MU 1421 - Piano Class I (1.0 cr)
MU 1422 - Piano Class II (1.0 cr)
MU 2110 - Jazz Theory (2.0 cr)
MU 2802 - Jazz Improvisation I (2.0 cr)
MU 2803 - Jazz Improvisation II (2.0 cr)
MU 3705 - Instrumental Conducting I (1.0 cr)
MU 3805 - Jazz Writing I (2.0 cr)
MU 3806 - Jazz Writing II (2.0 cr)
MU 3807 - Jazz Literature (2.0 cr)
MU 4300 - Senior Recital (1.0 cr)
MU 4803 - Jazz Pedagogy (2.0 cr)
MU 4807 - Music Industry (2.0 cr)
MU 4997 - Internship in Music (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Applied Instruction (16 cr)
Students must complete 16 credits; 8 credits from MU 13xx and 8 credits from MU 43xx. With prior approval, students may complete 12 credits of MU 13xx and 4 credits of MU 43xx. MU 0100 must be taken concurrently each semester with applied instruction in principal instrument.

Principal Instrument - 13xx
Two credits of principal instrument each semester
Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:
•MU 13xx

Principal Instrument - 43xx
Two credits of principal instrument each semester
Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:
•MU 43xx

Applied Jazz Instruction (8 cr)
Piano majors must take a minimum of 4 credits from MU 1321 and guitar majors must take a minimum of 4 credits from MU 1391.
Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:
•MU 1321 - Piano-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
•MU 1327 - Jazz Applied (2.0 cr)
•MU 1391 - Classical Guitar-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)

Ensemble Requirements (16 credits)
Take 2 credits each semester.
Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:
•MU 1505 - Jazz Ensemble [LE CAT, LECD C, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
•MU 4505 - Jazz Ensemble (1.0 cr)
Take 2 or more credit(s) from the following:
•MU 1501 - Concert Band [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
•MU 1502 - Symphonic Wind Ensemble [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
•MU 1503 - Symphony Orchestra [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
•MU 1504 - Chamber Orchestra [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
•MU 1510 - Concert Chorale [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
•MU 1511 - University Singers [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)

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- MU 1515 - Percussion Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- MU 4501 - Concert Band (1.0 cr)
- MU 4502 - Symphonic Wind Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- MU 4503 - Symphony Orchestra (1.0 cr)
- MU 4504 - Chamber Orchestra (1.0 cr)
- MU 4510 - Concert Chorale (1.0 cr)
- MU 4511 - University Singers (1.0 cr)
- MU 4515 - Percussion Ensemble (1.0 cr)

Must include jazz combo or jazz guitar ensemble

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- MU 1541 - Chamber Music (1.0 cr)
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Advanced Writing (3 cr)

WRIT 3110 - Advanced Writing: Arts and Letters (3.0 cr)

SFA Additional Requirement (3 cr)

Three credits of any 1000-level or 2000-level SFA course(s) from outside the students chosen major (art, art history, dance, fine arts, or theatre), provided that the student meets prerequisites for the course(s). A 2-credit DN course may be substituted (art or music students only).

Proficiency Exam

Advanced proficiency in principal instrument

MU 300 - Advanced Standing Exam (0.0 cr)

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