



Music Education K-12

About this Composite Major



The BS in Music Education degree program at VCSU is designed to give students the skills needed to be a successful 21st-century music teacher. Students learn performance skills on their primary instrument while gaining practical experience in conducting and leading a traditional ensemble. In addition, students gain experience in the modern world of music, including recording and production, integrating jazz and popular music in the curriculum, and experimenting with current technology and teaching trends in music. The music education degree is offered in a combined track, providing experience in both choral and instrumental education. The BS in Music Education leads to K-12 Music certification in the state of North Dakota.

Meet a Student



I love the people that I get to work with. I get to learn from my classmates as well as my professors because our classes allow for so much collaboration. I play horn in the

Wind Ensemble and Concert Band. I play bass drum in our drumline. I have sung in the VCSU Concert Choir. - Rachel Baker, French horn player and Music Education major

“Valley City State University was the perfect environment to learn about teacher education for the music classroom. The combination of small classroom sizes and close faculty-student relationships allowed me to grow as a teacher through the faculty's great experience.” —Brad Lambrecht '05, Lisbon, N.D.; orchestra and music director, Alexandria (Minn.) Public Schools

Accreditation

- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) (<https://caepnet.org/>)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) (<https://nasm.arts-accredit.org/directory-lists/accredited-institutions/>)

Teacher Education Requirements

Students are typically admitted into Teacher Education during their sophomore year or beginning of their junior year of college. This program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and successful completion of the Praxis I test. Additional criteria for Admission to Teacher Education can be found at the following website: www.onestop.vcsu.edu (<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000052001-teacher-education/>).

Get Involved in your Major



- National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Student Chapter
- American Choral Director's Association (ACDA) Student Chapter



Practical Experience



There are many venues for students to share their performance abilities: Concert Choir, Concert Band, Athletic Band, Jazz Ensemble, University Singers, Wind Ensemble, Opera Ensemble, Commercial Music Ensemble and a wide variety of chamber and solo performance opportunities.

Advanced students may be given the opportunity to lead elements of rehearsal, potentially culminating in live conducting experiences during ensemble performances.

Practice and Perform in the Center for the Arts



The brand-new Center for the Arts houses all music classrooms including:

- a state-of-the-art recording and production studio
- a 350-seat performance hall
- a 100-seat recital hall/choral room
- a band room
- a piano/computer lab
- large and small practice rooms

Acoustic treatments have been designed for all performance, rehearsal and practice spaces, and the larger spaces feature adjustable acoustics and audio/video capabilities.

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Department Location

Center for the Arts

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Music Learning Outcomes

VCSU Music Majors will:

1. Demonstrate competence in basic musicianship skills. (Musicianship)
2. Develop requisite performance skills as a soloist and ensemble member, consistent with the objectives of their degree plan. (Performance)
3. Interpret and analyze music from a variety of cultures and time periods. (Analysis)
4. Demonstrate teaching skills consistent with the objectives of their degree plan. (Pedagogy)



Plan of Study Fall Even Entry

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music	2	Applied Music	2
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 120 (Gen Ed)	3
MUS 111	1	MUS 112	1
MUS 122	3	MUS 124	3
MUS 123	1	MUS 125	1
MUS 171 (Introduction to Music Technology)	3	MUS 249	2
Primary Ensemble	1	Primary Ensemble	1
UNIV 150	1	Social Science (Gen Ed)	3
	15		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music	2	Applied Music	2
Speech Communication (Gen Ed)	3	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
CIS 170 (Gen Ed)	3	Wellness (Gen Ed)	2
MUS 205	2	Math (Gen Ed)	3
MUS 211	1	MUS 212	1
MUS 222	3	MUS 224	3
MUS 223	1	MUS 225	1
MUS 231	1	MUS 298	0
Primary Ensemble	1	MUS 232	1
		Primary Ensemble	1
	17		18

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music	1	Applied Music	1
Literacies (Gen Ed)	3	MUS 229	1
MUS 227	1	MUS 301	2
MUS 230	1	MUS 325	1
MUS 331	3	MUS 332	3
MUS 404	3	MUS 388	3
Social Science (Gen Ed)	3	MUS 403	3
		Secondary Ensemble (Gen Ed)	1
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 240	3	EDUC 352	1
EDUC 283	3	EDUC 375	2
EDUC 400	2	EDUC 450	2
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	MUS 143	1
MUS 228	1	MUS 201 (Gen Ed)	3

MUS 390	3	MUS 226	1
Secondary Ensemble (Gen Ed)	1	PSYC 250	3
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Fall	Credits
EDUC 351	2
EDUC 480	9
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