

**FIRST SEMESTER BLUEPRINT  
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

When planning your first semester...

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: [AP, CLEP, IB Credit](#).
- When registering for music theory courses, students should plan to begin with MUTH 101, unless the results from the music theory placement exam recommend beginning with another class.
- Music students audition for music ensembles (MUEN) upon arrival to campus. Each MUEN is offered for 0 to .5 credit. Students should wait to register for ensembles until the first week of classes.
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing [The View](#).

The Music Department will host two pre-registration advising sessions via Zoom in the days leading up to new student registration. All students/families should plan to join in for one of these sessions. In addition to summarizing the registration process as detailed in this document, these meetings will focus on how incoming students can best prepare for fall courses in your area of study. Sessions will be held on the following days:

Topic: Messiah Music Department Advising Session – FY2025

Time: May 27, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

May 28, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://messiah.zoom.us/j/93539946994>

Meeting ID: 935 3994 6994

Passcode: **Makemusic**

Find your local number: <https://messiah.zoom.us/u/adJ4nkCmhC>

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah.

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**Music (B.A.) with Commercial Music concentration****Music (B.A.) with no concentration****Music Performance (B.M.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
MUSI 001	Concert Attendance	0
MUTH 101*	Music Theory I	3
MUTH 107	Sight Singing and Ear Training I	1
MUTH 109	Keyboard I	1
MUEN 1xx	Ensemble in major area	0
MUAP 1xx	Lessons in applied performance area	2-4
	4 credits for Music Performance major	
	2 credits for Commercial Music or no concentration	

**Follow [registration instructions](#) (page 8) to adjust variable credits for MUAP 1xx**

Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for a Language Course:	<u>Credits</u>
<a href="#">Language Course</a> (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

Students pursuing a Music B.A. or Commercial Music Degree should <b>select</b> from the following <b>General Education</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105+ (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
ENGL 110+ (24GE: Written Communication)	3
Mathematical Science+ (24GE: Mathematics)	3 or 4
PHIL 101+ (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)	3
Social Science+ (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	3

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>15-18 credits</b>
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\*MUTH 101-needs 70% or higher on departmental music theory placement or MUGE 101

+ Search [The View](#) by attribute type(s) noted above

Specific major-related questions may be directed to Dr. William Stowman, Department Chair of Music, [wstowman@messiah.edu](mailto:wstowman@messiah.edu), or 717-796-1800 ext. 3030.

**Music (B.A.) with Composition concentration**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
MUSI 001	Concert Attendance	0
MUTH 101*	Music Theory I	3
MUTH 107	Sight Singing and Ear Training I	1
MUTH 109	Keyboard I	1
MUAP 181	Composition	1
MUAP 1xx	Lessons in applied performance area	2
MUEN 1xx	Ensemble in major area	0

Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for a Language Course:	<u>Credits</u>
<a href="#">Language Course</a> (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>General Education</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105 (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
ENGL 110 (24GE: Written Communication)	3
Mathematical Science* (24GE:Mathematics)	3 or 4
PHIL 101 (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)	3
Social Science* (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	3

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>15-18 credits</b>
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**Music with K-12 Teaching Certification (B.S.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
MUSI 001	Concert Attendance	0
MUTH 101*	Music Theory I	3
MUTH 107	Sight Singing and Ear Training I	1
MUTH 109	Keyboard I	1
MUED 221	Percussion Class	1
MUEN 1xx	Ensemble in major area	0
MUAP 1xx	Lessons in applied performance area	2
<b>Follow <a href="#">registration instructions</a> (page 8) to adjust variable credits for MUAP 1xx</b>		
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following course:		
Mathematical Science+ (24GE: Mathematics)		3 or 4
COMM 105+ (24GE: Oral Communication)		3

<b>Select</b> the following <b>General Education</b> option to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
ENGL 110+ (24GE: Written Communication)	3

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>14-17 credits</b>
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Specific questions for Music Education may be directed to Dr. Travis Weller, Director of Music Education, [tweller@messiah.edu](mailto:tweller@messiah.edu).

**Music (Music and Worship) (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
MUTH 101*	Music Theory I	3
MUTH 107	Sight Singing and Ear Training I	1
MUEN 1xx	Ensemble in major area	0
MUAP 1xx	Lessons in applied performance area	2
<b>Follow <a href="#">registration instructions</a> (page 8) to adjust variable credits for MUAP 1xx</b>		

Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for a Language Course:	<u>Credits</u>
<a href="#">Language Course</a> (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>General Education</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105** (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
ENGL 110** (24GE: Written Communication)	3
History** (24GE: History)	3
PHIL 101** (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)	3
Social Science** (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	3

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>12-16 credits</b>
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