

**MUSIC, CONCENTRATION—COMMERCIAL MUSIC-BUSINESS ACADEMIC MAP:  
DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Music with a concentration in Commercial Music-Business**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

Commercial Music majors are expected to complete 41 credit hours of general education classes, 36 credit hours in the music core, 35 credit hours in the Commercial Music concentration, and 18 credit hours in the emphasis. Students must have a “C” or above in music courses. All music majors are expected to have a working ability on the piano. Those students who do not have piano abilities will complete up to four semesters of sequential Proficiency Piano courses. Students will declare a primary instrument and enroll in private student for seven semesters. During the seventh semester, students are eligible to present their senior recital. In tandem with the private applied studies is the seminar class. Once each semester students have an opportunity to perform for their peers, the literature they are studying with their applied teacher. First semester and transfer students will take a music theory placement test to determine theory placement. Students not prepared for Theory I will enroll in Materials of Music and Materials of Music Lab. Commercial Music students are required to complete seven semesters of Commercial Music Ensemble. The Commercial Music Ensembles perform a variety of musical genres and perform at campus events, local schools, civic events, and other venues as they become available. Commercial Music students also participate in an internship experience. The internships provides the students an opportunity to work in an area of their interest.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or [adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu](mailto:adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu).

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>
MUSC 1xxx*	1	
MUSC 1210	3	
MUSC 1250	1	
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 1510	1	
MUSC 1010	3	Required of all music majors; meets a Humanities Requirements
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
MATH 1110	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking ECON 2010
UNIV 1000**	1	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

\*The Applied Music courses are numbered in accordance with the student's major instrument. The following courses may be used to meet the applied music requirement: 1000 (Percussion), 1100 (Piano), 1200 (Organ), 1300 (Violin), 1305 (Viola), 130 (Cello), 1315 (String Bass), 1317 (Harp), 1400 (Voice), 1500 (Trumpet), 1505 (French Horn), 1590 (Guitar), 1600 (Trombone), 1605 (Euphonium), 1607 (Tuba), 170 (Clarinet), 170 (Flute), 1800 (Oboe), 1805 (Bassoon), and 1900 (Saxophone).

\*\*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
MUSC 1xxx*	1	
MUSC 1211	3	
MUSC 1260	1	
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 1510	1	
Humanities Elective**	3	
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
ECON 2010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ECON 2020
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

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\*\*Students must take 3 credit hours from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010.

<b>Fall Schedule</b>		<b>Milestones</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
MUSC 2xxx*	1	
MUSC 2211	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before MUSC 3010
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 1510	1	
HIST 2010**	3	
PHYS 1030	4	Required of all Commercial Music students
ECON 2020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before MGMT 301 and MKTG 3010
COMM 2200	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>	

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\*\*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

<b>Spring Schedule</b>		<b>Milestones</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>
MUSC 2xxx*	1	
MUSC 2212	3	
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 3510	1	
HIST 2020**	3	
Natural Sciences w/Lab***	4	
ENGL Lit****	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

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\*\*The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

\*\*\*Natural Science must be chosen from: PHYS 2110/2111 (or PHYS 2010/2011), PHYS 2120/2121 (or PHYS 2020/2021), CHEM 1110/1111, CHEM 1120/1121, or BIOL 1120/1121.

\*\*\*\*Courses within the range of ENGL 2012- 2322 will meet this requirement.

<b>Fall Schedule</b>		<b>Milestones</b>
<b>Semester 5</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 5</b>
MUSC 3xxx*	1	
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 3510	1	
MUSC 3385	3	
MUSC 2710	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before MUSC 3710
MUSC 2610	2	
ACCT 2010	3	
MUSC 3610	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

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<b>Spring Schedule</b>		<b>Milestones</b>
<b>Semester 6</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 6</b>
		<b>Please note: Commercial music students do not take 3370 Music History I</b>
MUSC 3xxx*	1	
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 3510	1	
MUSC 3380	3	
MUSC 3710	3	
BISI 2150	3	
MKTG 3010	3	
MUSC 4310	2	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 7</b>
MUSC 4xxx*	1	
MUSC 3030	0	
MUSC 4510	0	This course requires a reserved performance date and hearing two weeks prior to the activity.
MUSC 3510	1	
MUSC 4450	3	
MUSC 4410	3	
MGMT 3010	3	
MUSC 4515	1	guided capstone project will be determined by the student in consultation-with the instructor
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 8</b>
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
MUSC 4010	3	Students must complete at least 18 hours of the Commercial Music core; and obtain permission of the instructor
MUSC 3010	3	
COMM 4460	3	
Guided Business Elective*	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

\*Students should meet with an academic advisor.

**Employment Information:**

Students with this degree will have met the requirements to pursue graduate degrees in music. Students will also have completed a general Business minor as listed in the school catalog.

**Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:**

Touring musician, studio musician, songwriter, arranger, music publisher, audio engineer

**Representative Employers:**

Theme parks, cruise ships, military bands, circus, corporate bands, wedding bands, songwriter, performing rights organizations

**International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors.** International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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