

AFA: Music 2021-2022

The Associate of Fine Arts in Music is designed to provide a broad background in music for students planning transfer to another college or university to complete a bachelor's degree in music performance, music education, or music business. The degree includes rigorous academic studies along with group performance experiences, individual lessons and solo performance opportunities.

The Associate of Fine Arts in Music is designed to articulate to: Minnesota State University Moorhead B.A. in Music degree Saint Cloud State University B.A. in Music (including Composition and new Media emphases) degree

Program Courses: Music History and Theory

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
MUSC1241	Music Theory I	3
MUSC1242	Music Theory II	3
MUSC1251	Ear Training and Sight Singing I	2
MUSC1252	Ear Training and Sight Singing II	2
MUSC1300	Music in World Cultures	3
MUSC2170	History of Music I: Medieval Through Classical Eras	3
MUSC2180	History of Music II: Romantic Era to the 21st Century	3
MUSC2241	Music Theory III	3
MUSC2242	Music Theory IV	3
MUSC2251	Ear Training and Sight Singing III	2
MUSC2252	Ear Training and Sight Singing IV	2

Program Courses: Music Performance

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
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Music Lessons - 1 credit for 4 semesters. See course numbers for your instrument's 1/2 hour lessons. Students may take 1 hour lessons, but only 4 credits total will count toward degree. All semesters must be lessons in the student's major instrument:

MUSC1510	Applied Music: Guitar <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1610	Applied Music: Voice <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1810	Applied Music: Piano <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1830	Applied Music: Strings <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1850	Applied Music: Percussion <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1860	Applied Music: Brass <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1870	Applied Music: Woodwinds <i>or</i>	1
MUSC2010	Advanced Applied Music Lessons	2

Music Large Ensemble Participation - 1 credit for 4 semesters. Students must participate in a large ensemble music performance for 4 semesters:

MUSC1130	College Choir <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1160	Large Instrumental Ensemble	1

Depending on student placement level, choose 2 credits from the following (Piano Proficiency Requirement):

MUSC1801	Class Piano I <i>or</i>	2
MUSC1802	Class Piano II <i>or</i>	2
MUSC1810	Applied Music: Piano <i>or</i>	1
MUSC2010	Advanced Applied Music Lessons	2

Music Small Ensemble - 2 credits. Additional options include: Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble and Theatre practicum (pit band performance or musical theatre stage acting performance):

MUSC1150	Chamber Singers <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1170	Instrumental Jazz Ensemble <i>or</i>	1
MUSC1180	Small Group Performance Ensemble	1

Depending on student placement level, choose 2 credits from the following (Guitar Proficiency Requirement):

MUSC1501	Class Guitar I <i>or</i>	2
MUSC1502	Class Guitar II <i>or</i>	2
MUSC1510	Applied Music: Guitar <i>or</i>	1
MUSC2010	Advanced Applied Music Lessons	2

General Education Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
ENGL1202	College Writing II	2

College Writing I: (minimum grade 1.67)

ENGL1200	Gateway College Writing (minimum grade 1.67) <i>or</i>	4
ENGL1201	College Writing I (minimum grade 1.67)	4

COMM1010, COMM1110, COMM1310, COMM1710 - 1 course:

COMM1010	Fundamentals of Public Speaking <i>or</i>	3
COMM1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication <i>or</i>	3
COMM1310	Intercultural Communication <i>or</i>	3
COMM1710	Oral Interpretation and Traditions	3

MnTC Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Natural Sciences (Goal Area 3) - 4 credits		
Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 4) - 3 credits		
History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (Goal Area 5) - 6 credits		
Goal Areas 7, 9, or 10 - 3 credits		

NHCC Residency and GPA

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
15 Credits must be earned at NHCC:		
2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses		

Total Credit Required 68

Degree Requirements

2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses

Notes

To complete the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, in addition to the courses listed above the student will need to take these:

- Goal Area 3: 3 credits with one Goal Area 3 course that includes a lab component.
- Goal Area 5: 3 credits
- Goal Area 9 or 10: 3 credits in each goal area required; remaining credits depend on student's choices of electives. Some courses fulfill two goal areas.

Program Outcomes

Develop a foundation of essential knowledge about the cultural, social, and natural worlds, and individual well-being by:

- Demonstrating skill in the foundation music courses

Develop intellectual and practical skills, including:

- Verbally and visually communicating their knowledge of music history, theory and performance
- Competently analyzing and critiquing their own performance as well as that of others
- Competently using the concepts of theory, history and performance in creative processes

Demonstrate personal and social responsibility, including:

- Developing constructive, organized work habits and professional interpersonal and communication skills
- Developing an understanding of the creative accomplishments of other people and cultures, past and present, in the development of the field of music
- Studying the ethics of the use of ideas, information and creative works as a foundation for respect of intellectual ownership

Integrative Learning, including:

- Managing the process of creative problems in music from conceptualization to performance
- Performing competently and artistically as an individual and in groups
- Demonstrating problem solving that employs technical skills and comprehension of the historical context of music with application in theory and performance

Be prepared to transfer to and succeed at an upper-level academic institution.

Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the: Higher Learning Commission 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60602-2504 1-800-621-7440

Degree Information

An Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degree is intended for students whose primary goal is to complete a program in a designated discipline in fine arts. The A.F.A. degree is designed for transfer to a baccalaureate degree.

Completion of an A.F.A. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Developmental Coursework

Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

Equal Opportunity Employer and Disability Access Information

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Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available on the iseek and Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: <https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/> and www.bls.gov.

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)