About the major:  
Music can be either a comprehensive or a standard major within the College of Arts and Sciences.  Comprehensive teaching majors are in the College of Education and Human Sciences.  Students who wish to declare a major in Music must successfully audition for the department at one of the four audition dates during the academic year. Please see the department web site (www.uwec.edu/Music/The/students/auditionschedule.htm) for details.  In addition to specific courses in the chosen degree plan, there are sequential core courses common to all music degrees.

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Required GE or University courses:

**Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science.** Students in Music History or Music (standard) choose a Bachelor of Arts (foreign language required) or a Bachelor of Science degree within the College of Arts and Science. The General Education requirements differ depending on the degree, so the student should consult the Catalog.

**Bachelor of Music**  
Students may satisfy the foreign language requirement by taking French, German, Italian or Spanish. (Applied Voice majors cannot use Spanish)  Students should refer to the specific General Education degree requirements in the Catalog.

**Bachelor of Music Education**  
Teaching majors have General Education coursework prescribed by the College of Education and Human Sciences. Students should refer to the requirements for ECA (Early Childhood through Adolescence) in the Catalog.

- **GE IA:** CJ 201, 202 or 205  
- **GE IB:** G.E. Math course with a C or higher  
- **GE II:** Biology course is required.  
- **GE III:** Pols 110, Psy 261  
- **GE IV:** Must include one course from Fine Arts (Mus 225) and one literature (GE IVD)  
- **GE V:** ES 385

**Essential Courses:**

The music degrees (Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Arts/Science) are built sequentially around the core requirement courses. These include: music theory (written and aural), music history/literature, applied music and ensemble(s).  
The Music major starts with Music 141 (Elementary Theory, Written) and Music 142 (Elementary Theory, Aural).

**Special enrollment considerations:**

Musi 100, 102, 110, 111, 112, 114, 118 do not count toward the Music major. Because of the rehearsal time commitment, students are discouraged from enrolling in more than two ensembles per semester.
Information for exploring students:

- Musi 225 – World Music (counts toward major and minor)
- Musi 110 -- Music Appreciation (counts toward minor)
- Musi 102 -- Music Fundamentals (hybrid course) -- for students who would benefit from additional experience with music reading and notation (does not count toward major or minor)

Admission to the music program:

Admission to the major or minor in music is by competitive audition. All applicants to music degree programs must satisfactorily complete an audition in a performance area and take a placement examination in piano and aural skills. Admission to the University does not indicate admission to the music programs.

Admission to the teacher education program:

Music education majors must be admitted into the College of Education and Human Sciences. See the Early Adolescence to Adolescence First Year Advising sheet or the University Catalog for requirements. To be eligible for the pre-program, in which a student should be enrolled their junior year, (ES 212, Initial Teaching Experience in Elementary, Middle, and High School Settings), students are required to pass a standardized test—the Praxis Core. The Praxis core may be waived if a student has a composite ACT score of 23 with a minimum score of 20 on the English, math, and reading subject tests from a single ACT taken within the past 5 years. If a student does not meet all of these ACT criteria, they must take the entire Praxis Core. Students must also have completed the university writing requirement, have at least a 2.75 resident and total GPA and have earned 14 credits by the time they register for the courses.

Helpful Tips

- Students planning to major in Music should have played an instrument in their high school band or orchestra, sung in a high school choral ensemble, or studied an instrument privately for a significant period of time. It is expected that prospective music majors be able to read music and sight-sing in at least one clef. Although not mandatory, private study in voice or an instrument is very beneficial in preparation for college study in music.
- Ability to play piano and read treble and bass clefs is a desirable attribute for any music major.
- Students considering a music major should display a dedication and commitment to music, a high level of self-motivation, and discipline in practice and time management skills.
- Since music is a time-consuming area of concentration, participation in sports is not usually feasible. Outside employment of more than 10 hours a week is not recommended.
- Although there is a heavy concentration of music courses in the comprehensive degrees, students are encouraged to take General Education classes concurrently with their music emphasis throughout their baccalaureate experience.
- All Music majors are required to attend and/or participate in performance class and to attend 10 approved concerts and recitals for each of seven semesters. For minors, the requirement is three semesters.
- To accommodate performance class (a non-credit requirement), music majors and minors should not schedule classes during the 10 a.m. hour on Fridays.
- The piano proficiency examination must be passed before any music education pre-program course can be taken and prior to graduation in any Music major/minor program.

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UW-Eau Claire respects individual differences.
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For instructions about how to declare this major:
www.uwec.edu/Registrar/student/chgofmajor/index.htm