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This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. See course descriptions and prerequisites at <https://catalog.atu.edu/>

#Prerequisite Courses: ENGL 0303 _____ MATH 0803 _____ MATH 0903 _____

Sample Schedule - Audition required for admission		Milestones/Notes	
Semester 1	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 1
ENGL 1013-Comp I (ACTS=ENGL 1013)	3	#	
Mathematics	3	#	Draft a résumé and upload it to Handshake
MUS 1000- Recital Attendance	0		
MUS 1 2 - Applied Music	2		See Page 2 for course number
MUS 1411- Class Piano OR MUS 1201- Applied Music (Piano)	1		MUS 1201, if piano proficient
MUS 1501-Band or MUS 1681-Concert Chorale (see note 1)	1		
MUS 1713- Theory I	3		
MUS 1731- Ear Training I	1		Offered Fall Only
MUS 1751- Orientation to Music	1		Offered Fall Only
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 2	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 2
ENGL 1023- Comp II (ACTS= ENGL 1023)	3	#	Piano Exit Exam
Science with Lab	4		Meet with faculty about career paths in your field
MUS 1000- Recital Attendance	0		
MUS 1 2 - Applied Music	2		
MUS 1440- Piano Proficiency	0		See Page 2 for course number
MUS 1421- Class Piano OR MUS 1201- Applied Music (Piano)	1		MUS 1201, if piano proficient
MUS 1501-Band or MUS 1681-Concert Chorale (see note 1)	1		
MUS 1723- Theory II	3		Offered Spring Only
MUS- 1741- Ear Training II	1		Offered Spring Only
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 3	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 3
Science with Lab	4		
General Elective	3		
MUS 1000- Recital Attendance	0		
MUS 1 2 - Applied Music	2		See Page 2 for course number
Music Elective	1		
MUS 1501-Band or MUS 1681-Concert Chorale (see note 1)	1		
MUS 2713-Theory III	3		Offered Fall Only
MUS 2731- Ear Training III	1		Offered Fall Only
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 4	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 4
MUS 2003- Survey of Music History	3		
U.S. History/Government	3		
MUS 1000- Recital Attendance	0		See Page 2 for course number
MUS 1 2 - Applied Music	2		MUS 1201, if piano proficient
MUS 1501-Band or MUS 1681-Concert Chorale (see note 1)	1		
MUS 2723- Theory IV	3		Offered Spring Only
MUS 2741- Ear Training IV	1		Offered Spring Only
Music Elective	2		
MUS 2000- Applied Competency	0		
Total hours	15	GPA	

Applied Competency Jury & Piano Exit Exam **MUS Advisor Assigned**

See page 2 for General Education, Applied Music, and Ensemble course numbers

Foreign Language Note: Students may substitute 3 hours of electives for a Foreign Language for each year of foreign language completed in high school with a grade of "C" or better

Possible Careers: Musician, Music Education (K-12 requires a teaching license), Music Therapy, Performance, Production, Music Business, Licensing & Copyright

Sample Schedule		Milestones/Notes	
Semester 5	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 5
Social Sciences	3		Attend a career fair or networking event
MUS 3801- Principles of Conducting	1		
MUS 3000- Recital Attendance	0		
MUS 3773- History of Music I	3		
Music Elective* (3000-4000 level)	2		
General Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		
MUS 3501-Band or MUS 3681-Concert Chorale (see note 1)	1		
MUS 3 2 - Applied Music	2		
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 6	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 6
Social Sciences/Fine Arts/Humanities/Comm	3		
Fine Arts & Humanities	3		
MUS 3000- Recital Attendance	0		
MUS 3501-Band or MUS 3681-Concert Chorale (see note 1)	1		
MUS 3 2 - Applied Music	2		
MUS 3783- History of Music II	3		
MUS 4801- Advanced Conducting	1		
Music Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		
Total hours	16	GPA	APPLY FOR GRADUATION

Semester 7	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 7
Music Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		Complete a senior check-in with Career Services
General Elective or Music Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
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General Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		Finalize résumé, cover letter, and references
General Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 8	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 8
Social Sciences	3		Graduation Requirements: Min. hours 3000-4000 level courses: 40 No more than 4 PE activity hours Min. hours required:120 2.00+ GPA
Music Elective* (3000-4000 level)	2		
Music Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		
General Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		
General Elective* (3000-4000 level)	3		
Total hours	14	GPA	

General Electives: 9 hours 1000-4000 level, 15 hours 3000-4000 level

indicates a "C" or better is required

*Vocal majors are encouraged to enroll in Vocal Diction (MUS 1191 Vocal Diction I) for elective credit

Note 1

MUS 1501 Band or MUS 1631 Symphonic Wind Ensemble sufficient for band credit. MUS 1631 by audition only
 MUS 1681 Concert Chorale, MUS 1571 University Choir, or MUS 1581 Choral Artists sufficient for choir credit
 MUS 1571 and MUS 1581 by audition only

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Applied Music Sections:	Ensembles: Semesters 1-4
Below is the chart for applied music courses. Music majors enroll in a 2-credit applied music, while non-music majors enroll in a 1-credit applied music course. Music majors who request enrollment in a second applied music course, should be enrolled in the 1-credit course.	MUS 1311-Jazz Ensemble MUS 1521 - Woodwinds Ensemble: Section (001) Sax, Oboe, Bassoon Section (002) Flute Section (003) Clarinet
Bassoon- 1091 or 1092 Cello- 1121 or 1122 Clarinet- 1051 or 1052 Euphonium-1031 or 1032 Flute- 1071 or 1072 French Horn- 1011 or 1012 Harpsichord- 1211 or 1212 Oboe- 1061 or 1062 Organ- 1221 or 1212 Percussion- 1141 or 1142	MUS 1531- Brass Ensemble Section (001) Trumpet, French Horn Section (002) Trombone Section (003) Tuba MUS 1541- Percussion Ensemble
Piano- 1201 or 1202 Saxophone- 1081 or 1082 String Base- 1131 or 1132 Trombone- 1021 or 1022 Trumpet- 1001 or 1002 Tuba- 1041 or 1042 Viola- 1111 or 1112 Violin- 1101 or 1102 Voice- 1231 or 1232	Ensembles: Semesters 5-8
	MUS 3311-Jazz Ensemble MUS 3521 - Woodwinds Ensemble: Section (001) Sax, Oboe, Bassoon Section (002) Flute Section (003) Clarinet
	MUS 3531- Brass Ensemble Section (001) Trumpet, French Horn Section (002) Trombone Section (003) Tuba MUS 3541- Percussion Ensemble
	Participation in Ensembles is not part of the curriculum or a degree requirement, however, participation in Ensembles is recommended and encouraged Some Ensembles are by audition only, see Music Professors for details regarding tryout information

General Education:	
Fine Arts and Humanities	
ART 2123 Experiencing Art (ACTS=ARTA1003) TH 2273 Introduction to Theatre (ACTS=DRAM 1003) ENGL/JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature (ACTS=ENGL2113) ENGL 2013 Introduction to American Literature (ACTS=ENGL2653)	PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS=PHIL1103) PHIL 2053 Introduction to Critical Thinking (ACTS=PHIL 1003) 1013 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, CHIN, or LAT 1023 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, CHIN, or LAT LEAD 2003 Ethics in Leadership
U.S. History & Government	Science with Lab
HIST 1903 Survey of American History HIST 2003 United States History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 United States History from 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003)	BIOL 1014- Intro. to Biological Science (ACTS= BIOL1004) BIOL/PHSC 1004- Principles of Environmental Science GEOL 1014- Physical Geology (ACTS= GEOL 1114)
Social Sciences	
HIST 1503 World History to 1500 (ACTS=HIST1113) HIST 1513 World History since 1500 (ACTS=HIST1123) HIST 2003 United States History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 United States History from 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) HIST 1903 Survey of American History POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003) ECON 2003 Principles of Macroeconomics (ACTS=ECON2103) ECON 2013 Principles of Microeconomics (ACTS=ECON2203)	SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology (ACTS=SOCI1013) PSY 2003 General Psychology (ACTS=PSYC1103) ANTH 1213 Intro. to Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH1013) ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH2013) GEOG 2013 Regional Geography of the World (ACTS=GEOG2103) AMST 2003 American Studies FIN 2013 Personal Finance LEAD 1003 Introduction to Leadership
Communication Classes	
COMM 1003 Intro to Communication COMM 2003 Public Speaking COMM 2173 Business and Professional Speaking	The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) is designed to assist in planning the academic progress of students. This system contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. The Arkansas Course Transfer System can be accessed by searching keyword "ACTS" at https://adhe.edu/