

## Music

### Why should I major in Music?

If you love to sing or play a musical instrument, then you may want to consider majoring in music. Through the music program at Iowa Western, you will be exposed to music theory, including the methods and materials of how music is constructed, European and American music history, and sight singing and ear training techniques. You will also learn rhythm patterns, how to read and write music, and have the opportunity to perfect your musical talents through applied music courses.

At Iowa Western, you will have the chance to gain valuable performance experience by participating in our concert choir, show choir, jazz choir, men's ensemble, jazz ensemble, pep band, or jazz combo. We also offer a community band and a women's and men's community choir. You can take the skills you learn in the music program at Iowa Western and apply them to music education, another area of fine arts, or become a professional musician.



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### What type of degree will I earn at Iowa Western if I enroll in this program?

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### If I major in Music, can I transfer to a four-year college or university?

This program of study was designed to transfer to a four-year degree granting institution. By earning your AA degree in music, you will be able to apply your credits toward a similar program at another institution and earn a bachelor's degree.

### What is the job outlook for Music graduates and what type of jobs will I be qualified for?

By earning a degree in music, you can work in several different areas like education, theatre or become a professional musician. For a professional musician, earnings vary widely and often depend on a performer's professional reputation, place of employment and on the number of hours worked. Even when employed, many musicians work part-time and may give private lessons to supplement their earnings as performers. If you choose music education, you can teach at any age level from elementary to high school and college. Public elementary and secondary education teachers earn an average salary of \$38,000 per year. There is also opportunity to take your musical talents and apply them to other areas of fine arts, like musical theatre.

**For More Information,  
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## Program of Study

The Music program of study prepares students to transfer credits to the music programs of four-year colleges and universities. Students learn theory fundamentals and performance skills. Students majoring in vocal or instrumental music acquire knowledge of sight singing and ear training, music theory and performance. Graduates of this program are awarded an Associate of Arts degree.

### RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

<b>First Semester</b>		<b>Cr.</b>
MUS 110	*Music in Theory and Practice I	2
MUS 125	*Ear Training and Sight Singing I	2
MUA 121	*Applied Piano	2
MUA	*Applied Voice <u>OR</u> Instrument	2
MUS	*Ensemble	1
ENG 105	Composition I	3
	A.A. Mathematics Requirement (MAT 121 - 227)	3-4
MUS 100	Music Appreciation	3
		18-19

<b>Second Semester</b>		<b>Cr.</b>
MUS 111	*Music in Theory and Practice II	2
MUS 126	*Ear Training and Sight Singing II	2
MUA 121	*Applied Piano	2
MUA	*Applied Voice <u>OR</u> Instrument	2
MUS	*Ensemble	1
ENG 106	Composition II	3
SPC 112	Public Speaking	3
PSY 121	Developmental Psychology	3
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<b>Third Semester</b>		<b>Cr.</b>
MUS 210	*Music in Theory and Practice III	2
MUS 225	*Ear Training and Sight Singing III	2
MUA 121	*Applied Piano	2
MUA 101	*Applied Voice <u>OR</u> Instrument	2
MUS	*Ensemble	1
	Lab Science Requirement	4
	Mathematics/Science Elective	3
		16

<b>Fourth Semester</b>		<b>Cr.</b>
MUS 211	*Music in Theory and Practice IV	2
MUS 226	*Ear Training and Sight Singing IV	2
MUA 121	*Applied Piano	2
MUA	*Applied Voice <u>OR</u> Instrument	2
MUS	*Ensemble	1
	Psychology Elective	3
	History Elective	3
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\*Required courses for the program

One elective must also satisfy the diversity requirement.

### 64 semester hours required

