MUSIC STUDIES FOR NONMAJORS

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Students from all schools at Northwestern are encouraged to continue their development as instrumentalists or vocalists through ensemble participation, class instruction, or private study. Ensembles and music performance instruction require an audition. For more information, visit the Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs.

Individual and Group Lessons for Non-Majors

Non-music majors may take individual music lessons for either 0 or 0.5 unit in voice, piano, organ, strings, winds, brass, percussion, and jazz. Group lessons are offered in voice, piano, and guitar. See the list of GEN_MUS courses for all available options. Students are accepted for lessons based on an audition and the availability of an instructor. An applied lesson fee is required for each registration and is billed to the student’s account.

Ensemble Participation

Non-music majors interested in auditioning for Bienen School ensembles should contact the ensemble director for audition information. If admitted, non-majors register under the following course numbers for 0 unit, or, non-majors may register under the corresponding ensemble under CONDUCT for 0.5 unit.

Minor Programs

Students outside the Bienen School have a variety of minor options from which to choose. The minor in general music is open only to non-music majors and is outlined below. Minors in music cognition (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/music/music-theory-cognition/music-cognition-minor), music composition (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/music/composition-music-technology/composition-minor), music technology (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/music/composition-music-technology/music-technology-minor), and musicology (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/music/musicology/musicology-minor) are also open to non-music majors.

Minor in General Music (6 units)

Course | Title
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GEN_MUS 364-0 | Choral Organizations
GEN_MUS 374-0 | Band Organizations
GEN_MUS 393-0 | Orchestral Organizations
GEN_MUS 395-0 | Baroque Music Ensemble

Course | Title
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GEN_MUS 101-6 | First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar
GEN_MUS 115-0 | Non-Major Piano and Organ (0.5 Unit) Private lessons for non-majors; audition required.
Literature and fine arts) Prerequisite: GEN_MUS 170-0 or equivalent.

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**GEN_MUS 270-2 Western Musical Tradition (1 Unit)** Major genres and composers from 1825 to the present. (VI. Literature and fine arts) Prerequisite: GEN_MUS 170-0 or equivalent. Literature Fine Arts Distro Area

**GEN_MUS 315-0 Non-Major Piano and Organ (0.5 Unit)** Private lessons for non-majors; audition required.

**GEN_MUS 335-0 Selected Topics for Non-Majors (1 Unit)** Topics vary; announced before registration. May be repeated.

**GEN_MUS 360-0 Non-Major Private Voice-Advanced (0.5 Unit)** Private lessons for non-majors; audition required.

**GEN_MUS 364-0 Choral Organizations (0 Unit)** Non-music majors interested in auditioning for Bienen School ensembles should contact the ensemble director for audition information. Register under GEN MUS for 0 unit, or under CONDUCT for 0.5 unit.

**GEN_MUS 374-0 Band Organizations (0 Unit)** Non-music majors interested in auditioning for Bienen School ensembles should contact the ensemble director for audition information. Register under GEN MUS for 0 unit, or under CONDUCT for 0.5 unit.

**GEN_MUS 378-0 Contemporary Music Ensemble (0 Unit)** Non-music majors interested in auditioning for Bienen School ensembles should contact the ensemble director for audition information. Register under GEN MUS for 0 unit, or under CONDUCT for 0.5 unit.

**GEN_MUS 393-0 Orchestral Organizations (0 Unit)** Non-music majors interested in auditioning for Bienen School ensembles should contact the ensemble director for audition information. Register under GEN MUS for 0 unit, or under CONDUCT for 0.5 unit.

**GEN_MUS 395-0 Baroque Music Ensemble (0 Unit)** Non-music majors interested in auditioning for Bienen School ensembles should contact the ensemble director for audition information. Register under GEN MUS for 0 unit, or under CONDUCT for 0.5 unit.