

Music (MUS)

The Music Department offers a minor in music with a track in non-performance and a track in performance. For students minoring in the performance track, a one-time audition is required.

All students are eligible to enroll in applied music courses, listed below. Students may earn a maximum of 16 credit hours in applied music courses with a maximum of 8 credit hours in any single course. The only exception is MUS 260 Private Instruction. The maximum allowable number of credit hours for MUS 260 Private Instruction is four. Some courses do require an audition.

Applied Music Courses

Course	Title	Hours
MUS 100	Men's Glee Club	1
MUS 101	Wofford Singers	1
MUS 102	Women's Choir	1
MUS 150	Concert Band	1
MUS 151	String Ensemble	1
MUS 260	Private Instruction	1
MUS 285	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS 301	Chamber Singers	1
MUS 302	Instrumental Chamber Music	1
MUS 351	Wofford Concert Orchestra	1

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Requirements for the Minor in Music, Non-Performance

Course	Title	Hours
Ensemble Courses		6
Select 6 credit hours from the following:		
MUS 100	Men's Glee Club	
MUS 101	Wofford Singers	
MUS 102	Women's Choir	
MUS 150	Concert Band	
MUS 151	String Ensemble	
MUS 285	Jazz Ensemble	
MUS 301	Chamber Singers	
MUS 302	Instrumental Chamber Music ¹	
MUS 351	Wofford Concert Orchestra	
Concert Attendance - Three Semesters		0
MUS 170	Concert Attendance	
Music Theory		3
MUS 202	Elements of Music Theory	
Electives		9

Select three courses from the following:

MUS 201	Music Appreciation	
MUS 203	History of American Music	
MUS 204	World Music	
MUS 311	Diatonic Harmony	
MUS 480	Advanced Topics in Music	
Total Hours		18

Requirements for the Minor in Music, Performance

A one-time audition is required for all students wishing to minor in music performance.

Course	Title	Hours
Ensemble Courses		6
Select 6 credit hours from the following:		
MUS 100	Men's Glee Club	
MUS 101	Wofford Singers	
MUS 102	Women's Choir	
MUS 150	Concert Band	
MUS 151	String Ensemble	
MUS 285	Jazz Ensemble	
MUS 301	Chamber Singers	
MUS 351	Wofford Concert Orchestra	
Concert Attendance - Three Semesters		0
MUS 170	Concert Attendance	
Private Instruction		4
MUS 260	Private Instruction	
Music Theory		3
MUS 202	Elements of Music Theory	
Electives		5
Select five credit hours from the following:		
MUS 201	Music Appreciation	
MUS 203	History of American Music	
MUS 204	World Music	
MUS 302	Instrumental Chamber Music	
MUS 303	Diction	
MUS 311	Diatonic Harmony	
MUS 480	Advanced Topics in Music	
Total Hours		18

MUS 100. Men's Glee Club. 1 Hour.

The study and performance of selected choral literature for men's voices from the Renaissance to the contemporary period. Requirements may include performance at convocations throughout the semester, a family weekend concert, a Christmas concert, and a spring concert. Audition required.

MUS 101. Wofford Singers. 1 Hour.

The study and performance of selected choral literature for mixed voices from the Renaissance to the contemporary period. Requirements may include performance at convocations throughout the semester, a family weekend concert, a Christmas concert, and a spring concert. Audition required.

MUS 102. Women's Choir. 1 Hour.

The study and performance of selected choral literature for women's voices from the Renaissance to the contemporary period. Requirements may include performance at convocations throughout the semester, a family weekend concert, a Christmas concert, and a spring concert. Audition required.

MUS 150. Concert Band. 1 Hour.

The study and performance of selected band literature with emphasis on stage and band training. Requirements may include performance in a family weekend concert, a Christmas concert, and a spring concert.

MUS 151. String Ensemble. 1 Hour.

The study and performance of selected string literature from the Renaissance to the contemporary period. Requirements may include several performances on campus and in the community.

MUS 170. Concert Attendance. 0 Hours.

An introduction to music of all genres and styles for the importance of experiencing live concerts as well as understanding and appreciating visual, aural, and communal aspects of live performances.

MUS 201. Music Appreciation. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the art of perceptive listening through a general survey of music from the Renaissance to the present time.

MUS 202. Elements of Music Theory. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the fundamentals of music theory. Students will build proficiency in writing and reading musical notation through the study of musical symbols, rhythm and meter, scales, key signatures, intervals, and triads.

MUS 203. History of American Music. 3 Hours.

The study of American music from 1620 to the present focusing on elements of various musical cultures (Western and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America) that have influenced the American style of music, along with genres, rhythms, and musical styles which are characteristic of the United States.

MUS 204. World Music. 3 Hours.

A study of selected non-western music cultures, past and present, introducing a variety of musical concepts and styles from around the world, reflecting the inter-relationships between musical styles and the cultures in which they are created and interpreted.

MUS 260. Private Instruction. 1 Hour.

Applied music lessons in the form of weekly individualized vocal or instrumental instruction. Students must be simultaneously enrolled in an appropriate music ensemble, if offered for their instrument. Lessons are open to all students, though availability may vary by instructor or instrument. A maximum of four credit hours may be earned. A fee for this course will be assessed to the student.

MUS 280. Special Topics in Music. 1 to 4 Hours.

Selected topics in music at the introductory or intermediate level.

MUS 285. Jazz Ensemble. 1 Hour.

The study and performance of selected jazz ensemble literature with emphasis in the styles of blues, swing, latin, rock, jazz fusion and improvisation. Requirements include performances at campus/community events and participation in the Wofford College Athletic Band (commonly known as Pep Band). Students not enrolled in Jazz Ensemble may be allowed to participate in the Athletic Band without course credit. Instructor permission required.

MUS 301. Chamber Singers. 1 Hour.

Chamber Choir promotes the quality performance of exquisite choral music in an artistic setting. The repertory of this ensemble ranges from Medieval Carols and secular pieces to more contemporary settings of liturgical and secular choral music. The Chamber Singers course integrates advanced elements of auditory, vocal, kinesthetic, and aesthetic dimensions of choral music through analysis, rehearsal and performance. Particular attention will be paid to ensemble participation in the context of rehearsal and performance.

MUS 302. Instrumental Chamber Music. 1 Hour.

Provides weekly rehearsals and instruction for small ensembles. Ensembles can be duos, trios, quartets, etc., based on the student's availability and schedule. This is an advanced course for instrumentalists who wish to continue their playing at a more challenging level. Instructor permission required.

MUS 303. Diction. 2 Hours.

Diction will focus on the study of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and its application to the singing of English, Italian, German, and French languages through lecture, Demonstration, and class performances of appropriate song literature in each of these languages. Must be declared as minor in Music - Vocal Performance to enroll.

MUS 311. Diatonic Harmony. 3 Hours.

A study of the harmonic principles underlying tonal music. Through composition and analysis of music in the common practice style, students will develop a deeper understanding of harmony and the organization of musical material. Course content will be reinforced through ear-training and sight-singing exercises.

Prerequisite: MUS 202 with a minimum grade of D.

MUS 351. Wofford Concert Orchestra. 1 Hour.

Wofford Concert Orchestra is an orchestral ensemble consisting of all families of instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion) that will expose students to standard orchestral literature. The Wofford Concert Orchestra will be open to students with prior experience performing on their instruments, based on audition and instructor approval.

MUS 380. Special Topics in Music. 1 to 4 Hours.

Selected topics in music at the intermediate level offered on an occasional basis. Specific topics vary.

MUS 470. Independent Study Music. 1 to 3 Hours.

Study of a specific topic in music under the direction of faculty member in the department. The topic to be studied will be determined in consultation with the instructor.

MUS 480. Advanced Topics in Music. 1 to 4 Hours.

Selected topics in music at the advanced level.