

Music Education Advising Facts
A Guide for Navigating the Bachelor of Science in
Music Education Curriculum



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MUED Course Rotations:

FALL ONLY COURSES	SPRING ONLY COURSES
MUED 211/212 Foundations of Music Education/Practicum in Music Education	MUSA 176 Conducting Lab Band
MUED 221 Introduction to Conducting	MUED 216 Vocal Pedagogy for Music Educators
MUED 294 Functional Techniques II: Piano and Guitar	MUED 327/329 Teaching Music from the Podium
MUED 301 Marching Band Techniques	MUED 405 Secondary General Music Methods
MUED 310 Special Education in Music	MUED 407 Elementary Instrumental Music Methods
MUED 337 Choral Methods	MUED 324 Integrating Literacy I
MUED 401 Integrating Literacy II	
MUED 403 Elementary General Music Methods	
MUED 404, 406, 408, 410 – Practicums	

Guidelines for Where Certain Courses Must be Taken to Remain on Track

Sophomore Year

Fall Term

MUED 211 Foundations of Music Education

MUED 212 Practicum

Spring Term

MUSA 176 Conducting Lab Band (Instrumental Majors)

** Complete Program Interview for Full Admission into MUED program (those who have completed MUED 211/212 and meet admission criteria)

Junior Year

Fall Term

MUSC 221 Introduction to Conducting

Spring Term

MUED 327 Teaching Choral Music from the Podium (Vocal-General Majors)

MUED 405 Secondary General Music Methods (Vocal-General Majors)

MUED 329 Teaching Instrumental Music from the Podium (Instrumental Majors)

MUED 407 Elementary Instrumental Music Methods (Instrumental Majors)

**MUED 324 Integrating Literacy I must be completed by the end of your junior year.

***Instrumental Majors: MUED 201, MUED 203, MUED 205, MUED 207 must be completed by the end of your junior year.

****Ideally, MUED 311 should be completed by the end of your junior year.

Senior Year

Fall Term

MUED 401 Integrating Literacy II

MUED 310 Special Education in Music

MUED 403 Elementary General Music Methods (Vocal-General Majors)

MUED 404 Practicum in Elementary School Music (Vocal-General Majors)

MUED 406 Practicum in Secondary School Music (Vocal-General Majors)

MUED 337 Choral Methods (Vocal-General Majors)

MUED 408 Practicum in Elementary Instrumental Music (Instrumental Majors)

MUED 409 Secondary Instrumental Music Methods (Instrumental Majors)

MUED 410 Practicum in Secondary Instrumental Music (Instrumental Majors)

Spring Term

MUED 491 Internship in Elementary School Music: Fees - \$250 + \$300 edTPA fee

MUED 492 Internship in Secondary School Music: Fees - \$250

MUED 495 Internship Seminar

All music education students are considered candidates for the BS in Music Education Degree for Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Teacher Licensing (certifying students to teaching music at the P-12 level in Maryland Public Schools and other states with reciprocal agreements) until they apply to and are admitted into the Music Education degree program, and must meet the following Music Education requirements to be considered for acceptance into the program.

GPA

Earned 3.0 cumulative GPA for all post-secondary institutions attended. Earned 3.0 GPA in Music Education Courses.

If you **do not** have a 3.0 GPA at the time of application and you would like to be considered for conditional admission (and your GPA is between 2.5-2.99), then you will need to provide evidence of passing one of the basic skills requirements below at the time of application.

Praxis Core OR SAT, ACT, GRE:

- ACT – Composite score of 24 or higher (**subject to change)
- GRE – (Graduate Record Examinations) revised General Test: composite of the combined verbal and quantitative score of 297 or higher. Candidates who took the GRE prior to September 2011 will use the old composite score of 1000 math and verbal composite score of 1000.
- SAT – Taken March 2016 and later, composite score 1180; taken after 2005, math and critical reading composite score of 1100 (**subject to change); taken between 4/95 and 2005, math and verbal composite score of 1100; taken prior 4/95, math and verbal composite score of 1000.

If you do not have scores that are applicable, take the PRAXIS CORE www.ets.org.

PRAXIS CORE after August 31, 2015 – you must pass each category: Reading target = 156, Writing target – 162 and Math target - 150

**Test takers must meet the criteria listed on www.mdcert.org for each test.

TU help – <https://www.towson.edu/coe/centers/professionalpractice/praxis.html>

If you submitted scores with your Towson University application, you may submit a copy of scores listed on the bottom of your Student Center Page in PeopleSoft. **Always keep a copy of your scores. You will need them for teaching applications.**

Applying for Music Education Program Admission

Applications for program admission have moved to an online process via the tk20 system. Instructions for creating an account are provided in the google drive folder (link provided below).

Things to remember when you create your Applicant Account:

1. You **MUST** create an applicant account in order to access the admission application. You must create this account via the link in the PDF with the application instructions.

2. You **MUST** write down the user name Tk20 generates and the password you enter when you create the applicant account so that you can log back in to continue the application and to check the status of the application review.

Please review all of the documents in the google drive folder: Admission Application Instructions, Program Interview Checklist, Program Interview Information, and MUED GPA Calculation Form.

MUED Program Interview Google Drive Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1k3nYhuqvSWJNIC4ZZMz9pmkQhbhrGlom?usp=sharing>

Items you will need for a complete application:

1. PDF of unofficial transcripts (Towson University and any other college you have transferred credits)
2. Completed MUED GPA Calculation Form (download from google drive folder and complete)

You will need to complete the Music Education GPA Advising Form and upload it to your application. GPA Advising Forms will be sent to you at the time of invitations to interview. After admission into the MUED degree program, it will be your responsibility to update this form at the end of each term and submit it to the Music Education Division Leader no later than one week after grades have been posted. A final GPA check will be conducted before you can apply for the student internship.

NOTE:

- The courses with ** next to them are courses we recommend be completed prior to the sophomore program interviews.
 - Fill out information only for courses that you have completed.
 - Do not add or remove any rows or columns on this document. Formulas have been entered to calculate your Major GPA and removing or adding rows will mess up the calculations.
3. Updated active Digital Portfolio Link – Digital portfolios started in MUED 211. All digital portfolios must include the following:
 - The framework of the portfolio: tabs for all In TASC standards including the name of the standard and the description for the standard.
 - Includes a headshot on the opening page of the portfolio.
 - A minimum of 6 artifacts with reflections. Artifacts must include the following items from MUED 211 and 212: a) Music Teacher Reflection; b) My Most Influential Teacher Speech; c) Song Teaching Lesson; d) Philosophy of Music Education; e) a lesson plan of your choice; and f) an additional artifact of your choice. Additional artifacts beyond the minimum requirement of the six (6) listed is encouraged.

4. A link to a short video of you singing a children's song/folk song (i.e., *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*), acapella. (Links to an unlisted YouTube video, or to a google drive folder)
5. Signed Criminal Disclosure Form (downloaded from the link provided in the application); Signed Professional Behavior Policy (downloaded from the link provided in the application)
6. Names and email addresses of two (2) people that will be sent reference surveys (people familiar with your work)
7. A short narrative on why you want to be a music educator.

After you are Fully Admitted into the MUED Program

1. Once you are fully admitted into the MUED Program, you must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA. If it dips below 3.0, you have one semester to get it back to 3.0 before you are dismissed from the program.
2. All 400-level MUED courses require admission into the MUED program in order to enroll.

Course Fees Associated with the MUED Program

MUED 211: \$110 tk20 fee

Practicum Courses (MUED 404, 406, 408, 410) have a course fee of \$50.00. This is a stipend for the mentor teacher who works with you.

The final term internship courses have the following course fees:

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