

MINOR IN MUSICAL ARTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The minor in Musical Arts provides students with an introduction to an academic understanding of music through theory, history, music business, and piano and also provides performance opportunities through university ensembles (marching band, wind ensemble, and choir). Students enrolled in the Musical Arts Minor will obtain a deeper understanding of music which will enhance their experiences both as a performer and an audience member, leading to a lifetime of musical enjoyment.

PERFECT FOR:

- Students of any major with a passion for music.
- Students who participated in band or choir in high school and would like to continue their engagement and education.
- Students who participate in the Community Arts program who want to further augment their musical studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

It is common knowledge that musicians and music majors are often accepted into law schools and medical programs, as music students who are successful have to be very disciplined, efficient in their work, and committed to excellence. It therefore stands to reason that an employer looking for such qualities would be drawn to a student who elected to minor in music.

Completing a minor in music will help students become more confident in public speaking (through honing their stage presence), more effective at working in teams through knowing how to listen and collaborate well with others. Further, musical studies helps a person's brain become more effective at multi-tasking, making for quick processing and supporting the ability to handle a number of different responsibilities at once.

Any student who is considering majoring in Music in the future may enroll in the minor here to either improve their musical education, have a small taste of what college music classes are like, or both!

STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS MINOR WILL:

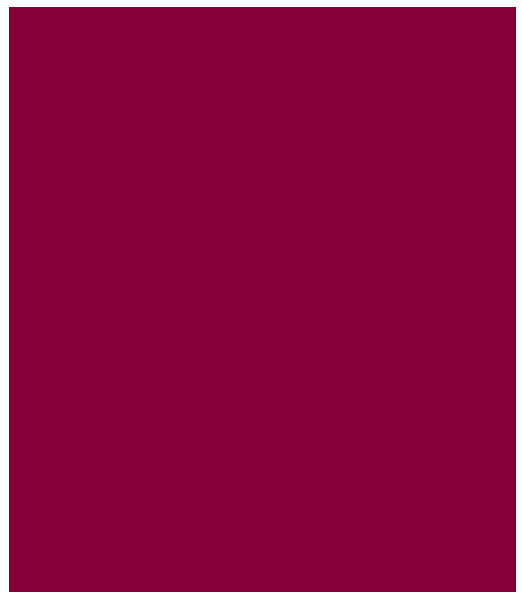
- Improve musical and artistic skills, including but not limited to: honing critical listening abilities, mastering basic concepts in written and aural theory, establish and improve basic piano skills, having a working knowledge of the major musical traditions and performance practices of Western Art Music, mastering basic concepts of intonation and balance, increased dynamic contrast, work with tone quality and tone colors, and obtaining an introductory understanding of music business in the modern age.
- Provide musical performances of high quality and represent Fairmont State while offering musical entertainment to our audiences.
- Demonstrate personal integrity in working with other members of the ensemble, including resolution of interpersonal conflicts.

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Minor in Musical Arts Curriculum: 18 credit hours

Required Courses

MUSI 1113	Intro to Written Theory	3 hours
MUSI 1122	Intro to Aural Theory	3 hours
MUSI 3306	Music Business	3 hours
MUSI 1104	Functional Piano I	1 hour
OR		
MUSI 1160	Applied Music I	2 hours
MUSI 2206	Intro to Music History	3 hours
OR		
MUSI 3305	Ethnomusicology	3 hours
- Major Ensemble -		4 hours
MUSI 1168	Marching Band	2 hours
MUSI 1169	Wind Ensemble	1 hour
MUSI 1167	Collegiate Singers	1 hour



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