

Major in Vocal Music Education Leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree

This major prepares students to be recommended by the Washington and Lee Department of Education for Virginia licensure to teach vocal music in grades K-12. To be eligible to complete this major, the student must be admitted to the teacher education program. (See education pages for program information, requirements and course descriptions.)

The requirements for a major in vocal music education leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree are 43 credits in music (plus ensemble credits) and 27 credits in education:

General Music Requirements:

• MUS 120 – Intro to Music	3 credits
• MUS 161 – Music Theory/Aural Skills I	4 credits
• MUS 162 – Music Theory/Aural Skills II	4 credits
• MUS 201 – Music History I	3 credits
• MUS 202 – Music History II	3 credits
• MUS 210 – Vocal Pedagogy	3 credits
• MUS 260 – Music Theory/Aural Skills III	4 credits
• MUS 325 – Choral Conducting and Methods I	3 credits
• MUS 326 – Choral Conducting and Methods II	3 credits
• Applied Study in Voice	7 credits
• MUS 395 – Seminar for Music Majors: Approaches to Music	3 credits
• MUS 473 – Senior Recital	3 credits
Total Music Credits:	43

General Education Requirements:

• Psychology 113 – Principles of Development	3 credits
• Education 200 – Foundations of Education	3 credits
• Education 201 – Practicum: Foundation of Education	1 credit
• Education 302 – Understanding Exceptional Individuals	3 credits
• Education 303 – Practicum: The Exceptional Learner	1 credit
• Education 345 – Elementary and Secondary Vocal Music Methods (SVU)	3 credits
• Education 346 – Practicum: Elementary and Secondary Vocal Music Methods	1 credit
• Education 451A – Directed Teaching Seminar: Pre-K to 12	1 credit
• Education 461A – Directed Teaching: Pre-K to 12	11 credits
Total Education Credits:	27

Students interested in obtaining dual vocal/instrumental endorsements should also take:

• Education 375—Elementary and Secondary Instrumental Methods (WW&Br)	3 credits
• Education 376—Practicum: Elementary and Secondary Woodwinds/Brass	1 credit
• Education 377 – Elementary and Secondary Instrumental Methods (Perc/Str)	3 credits
• Education 378 – Practicum: Elementary and Secondary Perc/Strings	1 credit

Additional Requirements:

- In order to receive the endorsement of the music department, music education students must pass the piano proficiency exam prior to the semester preceding student teaching. Additional applied study in piano might be necessary and does not count toward the completion of the Applied Study credits.
- Participation in a University choral ensemble is required in each fall and winter term after declaring the music major; these courses do not count toward the total required music credits.
- It is highly recommended that foreign language study be in one of the three primary singing languages (French, Italian, or German). Students are also encouraged to take classes in all three of these languages.
- Concert attendance (as required by the department) as expected of every music major.

Recommended Plan of Study for Vocal Music Education Majors (may vary depending on course offering variability):

1st Year, Fall Term:

MUS 120
MUS 161 (FDR HA)
Foreign Language (FDR FL)
or elective
WRIT-100 (FDR FW) or elective
Applied Lessons
Ensemble

1st Year, Winter Term:

MUS 162 (FDR HA)
FDR FM course
Foreign Language (FDR FL)
or elective
PSYC 113 (FDR SS)
Applied Lessons
Ensemble
PE requirement (Rec.: Ballroom dance)

1st Year, Spring Term:

Elective

2nd Year, Fall Term:

MUS 201
MUS 260
EDUC 200
EDUC 201
Foreign Language (FDR FL)
or elective
Applied Lessons
Ensemble
PE requirement

2nd Year, Winter Term:

MUS 202
MUS 210
EDUC 302
EDUC 303
Foreign Language (FDR FL)
or elective
Applied Lessons
Ensemble
PE requirement

2nd Year, Spring Term:

FDR SL course or Study abroad
(Rec. PHYS 102 – *Physics and Perception of Music*)

3rd Year, Fall Term:

MUS 325
EDUC 345
course
Elective or EDUC 375/76
Applied Lessons
Ensemble
PE requirement (Rec.: Ballet)

3rd Year, Winter Term:

MUS 326
EDUC 346
FDR HL course
Elective or EDUC 377/78
Applied Lessons
Ensemble

3rd Year, Spring Term:

FDR SL course or Study abroad
(Rec. PHYS 102 – *Physics and Perception of Music* FDR SC)

*4th Year, Fall Term:

MUS 395
FDR SS course (Rec.: POV 101)
Elective
Elective
Applied Lessons
Ensemble

*4th Year, Winter Term:

EDUC 451A
EDUC 461A
MUS 473
Ensemble

4th Year, Spring Term:

Elective

*Fall and Winter terms in the 4th year may vary depending on student teaching assignment.

Required Assessments for Licensure	Completed
Praxis I (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) – Exemption granted for a total SAT score of 1100 in reading and math or higher, a minimum of 530 in each area. ACT exemption: 24 composite, Math 22, and English + Reading 46. VCLA exemption for Praxis I reading and writing: passing score. (www.ets.org/praxis).	Prior to Entry to Program
VCLA (Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment) (www.va.nesinc.com)	Prior to Methods Courses
Praxis II – Content Area Test (www.ets.org/praxis). # 0113	Prior to Entry into Licensure Program
Training to recognize, report and respond to child abuse and neglect: (http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/mandated_reporters/cws5691/index.html) On-line course with certificate of completion required.	Prior to Licensure
Complete CPR/First Aid/AED Training as required by VDOE	Prior to Licensure