Music Education GPA

The Wright State School of Music and the Music Education Faculty Committee are dedicated to ensuring that our students are competitive beyond graduation. For this reason, the Music Education Faculty Committee has created minimum grade point average (GPA) standards which must be met by all students pursuing a degree in music education. These requirements are designed to encourage high academic standards within our students which will make them much more successful as they pursue teaching employment or admission to graduate schools.

The Wright State School of Music and the Music Education Committee require that all students pursuing the degree of Music Education in the areas of Vocal/Choral, Instrumental Band, and Instrumental Orchestra maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or greater in specific courses required for this degree which is called the Music Education GPA.

Students who fall below the minimum 3.0 Music Education GPA and/or below an overall GPA of 2.7 will not be able to pass through the Sophomore Music Education Board. These students will not be able to take the Junior level music education courses until such time that they meet these required minimums. Students who fall below these minimums in the Junior or Senior year will not be allowed to student teach until they meet these required minimums.

For all of the courses below, students must earn the grade of “C” or higher to pass the course. Any grade lower than a “C” will result in the student having to retake the course.

The Music Education GPA information is calculated on the Uacheive report for all students and includes the following courses*

- MUS 1990 Introduction to Music Education
- MUS 1450 Vocal Pedagogy and Choral Methods
- MUS 2310 Percussion Pedagogy
- MUS 3230 Basic Conducting
- MUS 3240 Band Conducting
- MUS 3250 Choral Conducting
- MUS 2170 Orchestral Strings and Guitar
- MUS 2270 Woodwind Pedagogy
- MUS 2230 Brass Pedagogy
- MUS 1350 Guitar Pedagogy
- MUE Choral Ensemble**
- MUS 2150 Upper Strings Pedagogy
- MUS 2160 Lower Strings Pedagogy
- MUS 2260 Band Methods for Vocal and String Majors
- MUA Piano for Music Educators I
- MUA Piano for Music Educators II
- EDS 2900 Exceptionalities in Education
MUS 3340 Music in the Elementary School
MUS 3290 Choral Music Education Methods I
MUS 3290L Advanced Conducting Lab
MUS 3300 Choral Music Education Methods II
MUS 3300L Advanced Conducting Lab II
MUS 3270 Marching Band and Jazz Ensemble Methods
MUS 3280 Concert Band Music Education Methods
MUS 3280L Advanced Conducting Lab
MUS 3310 Orchestra Music Education Methods
MUS 3310L Advanced Conducting Lab
ED 2700 Intro to Ed Psych
ED 2650 Field Experience
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MUS 4010 Teaching Music in a Pluralistic Society
MUS 4300 Reading in the Music Content Area
MUS 4430 Vocal Pedagogy
ED 4900 Student Teaching

*All courses not required for all music education tracks. For a specific list of the courses required for your discipline see the Graduation Planning Strategy plan on the Music Education website or the listed courses in your Uachieve audit.

** required as pedagogy for Instrumental Band and Orchestra tracks only