MAJORING IN MUSIC EDUCATION

A BRIEF PRIMER
Why majoring in music education is so tough

- 135 hours (B.A. 126; B.M 128)
- Responsibilities of music degree (recitals, ensembles, lessons, practice) AND responsibilities of education courses (field experiences, observation, practice teaching, service, lesson plans)
- Requires enhanced organizational and time management skills
- Increased personal scrutiny (background checks, personal appearance, “pillar of the community”)
- Grade requirements (3.0 in music courses, 2.75 overall, no D’s allowed) are toughest on campus
- YOU MUST BE ORGANIZED AND RESPONSIBLE FROM THE GET GO!
Why majoring in music education is so rewarding

- Opportunity to challenge yourself as a musician and as a person
- Opportunity to strengthen your character
- Opportunity to teach something to others that has been so valuable to you
- Opportunity to change lives
Academic Requirements

In order to student teach, a student must:

- Maintain a 2.75 GPA
- Maintain a music GPA of 3.0
- Retake any music courses in which a grade of lower than “C” was assigned.
- Have an ACT score of 22 or higher, or take and pass the Core Academic Skills for Educators Test (156 Reading, 162 Writing, 150 Math).
- Successfully complete all courses in the Music Education Professional Program (MEPP)
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- MUED 260* Introduction to Teaching Music (I, V) (3)
- MUED 310 General Music Methods (I, V) (3)
- MUS 353 Beginning Choral Conducting (V) (3)
- MUS 453 Advanced Choral Conducting (V) (3)
- MUS 406 Secondary Choral Methods (V) (3)
- MUS 354 Beginning Instrumental Conducting (I) (3)
- MUS 454 Advanced Ensemble Conducting (I) (3)
- MUS 405 Secondary Instrumental Methods (I) (3)
- MUED 400 Seminar in Music Education (I, V) (3)
- MUED 471 Student Teaching, K-6 (I, V) (6)
- MUED 472 Student Teaching, 7-12 (I, V) (6)
Required Courses from the College of Education

- SPED 300 Exceptional Education
- HLRN 325 Educational Psychology
Timeline

- Background check complete at the BEGINNING of fall semester
- Interview for MEPP and Teacher Education Program (TEP) during spring semester of sophomore year
- Apply to student teach the beginning of the semester BEFORE you want to student teach.
- Take Praxis II during student teaching semester
Financial requirements

- Criminal Background Check (roughly $45.00)—one time deal
- NAfME Membership (local, state and national roughly $32.00)—yearly
- Liability Insurance for Field Experiences ($26.00)
- Gas money for field observations
- Cost for testing (ACT $40.00; CASE $140.00; Praxis $150)
- Other miscellaneous expenses (appropriate attire, haircuts, tattoo removal)
Questions

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You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time, you must make it. Charles Bruxton