



Department of Music Policy on
TRANSFER CREDITS FOR MUP COURSES

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Under no circumstances will courses be accepted for transfer credit from another institution if they were used toward a prior degree.

All transfer credit is contingent upon a successful audition for admission. In the event a student is admitted but does not demonstrate sufficient skill in performance, he or she may be required to take additional lessons at WSU (up to the total number of semesters of lessons required by the degree/concentration). In such cases, the credits from lessons completed at another institution may be counted as *elective* credits but will not satisfy the requirements of specific MUP courses.

Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Chair in consultation with the relevant area coordinator.

Specific policies for MUP transfer credit vary by degree and concentration:

- For **Bachelor of Music** students in concentrations in **performance**, up to 4 semesters of MUP transfer credit (at 3 credit hours per semester, totaling 12 credit hours) may be accepted and applied toward the degree. Students must take the remaining 4 semesters of MUP courses (at 3 credit hours per semester, totaling 12 credit hours) at WSU, including juries each semester.
 - The equivalent WSU courses to which the transfer credit is applied will count as 3 credits each. (As in, the transfer is “by class” rather than strictly “by credit.”)
 - For instrumental and voice majors, transfer credit is limited to MUP 22X1, 22X2, 22X3, and 22X4. These students must take MUP 42X1, 42X2, 42X3, and 42X4 at WSU, including juries each semester.
 - For jazz studies majors, transfer credit is limited to MUP 13X1, 13X2, 13X3, and 13X4. These students must take MUP 33X1, 33X2, 33X3, and 33X4 at WSU, including juries each semester.
- For **Bachelor of Music** students in concentrations other than performance (**composition, music business, music technology, and music education**), up to 4 semesters of MUP transfer credit (at 1 credit hour per semester, totaling 4 credit hours) may be accepted and applied toward the degree. Students must take the remaining 2 or 3 semesters of MUP courses (at 1 credit hour per semester, totaling 2 or 3 credit hours), depending on the concentration, at WSU, including a jury at the end of the 6th or 7th semester.

- Transfer credit is limited to MUP 1XX1, 1XX2, 1XX3, and 1XX4. These students must take MUP 3XX1, 3XX2, and 3XX3 (if required by their concentration) at WSU, including a jury at the end of the final semester of MUP courses.
- For **Bachelor of Arts in Music** students, up to 4 semesters of MUP transfer credit (at 1 credit hour per semester, totaling 4 credit hours) may be accepted and applied toward the degree. If a student takes MUP 1XX4 at WSU, then he or she will be required to perform a jury at the end of that course.
- For **Master of Music** students in concentrations in **instrumental, jazz, and vocal performance or conducting**, 1 semester of MUP transfer credit (at 3 credit hours per semester, totaling 3 credit hours) may be accepted and applied toward the degree. Students must take the remaining semesters of MUP courses (at 3 credit hours per semester) at WSU, including juries at the end of each semester.
 - Transfer credit is limited to MUP 7XX1. These students must take MUP 7XX2 and 7XX3 at WSU, including a jury at the end of each semester.
- For **Master of Arts in Music** students and **Master of Music** students in concentrations in **composition/theory or music industry studies**, up to 6 semesters of MUP transfer credit may be accepted and applied toward the degree as “General Electives,” in accordance with the policies on graduate-level transfer credit in the Department of Music Graduate Student Handbook and the WSU Graduate Bulletin.
 - Transfer credit is limited to MUP 6XXX courses, for which no juries are required.

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MUP Transfer Credit Policy - Summary Table

| Degree | Concentration(s) | Total sems of MUP req'd for degree | Max sems of MUP accepted as transfer cr. | Transfer credit applied to WSU courses | Jury Requirements |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| BA in Music | | 4 | 4 at 1 cr. each | MUP 1XX1 to MUP 1XX4 | If taking MUP 1XX4 at WSU, jury is required |
| Bachelor of Music | Jazz Studies | 8 | 4 at 3 cr. each | MUP 13X1 to MUP 13X4 | Juries required for MUP 33X1 to MUP 33X4 |
| | Performance | 8 | 4 at 3 cr. each | MUP 22X1 to MUP 22X2 | Juries required for MUP 42X1 to MUP 42X4 |
| | Composition, Music Business, Music Technology, Vocal Music Education | 6 | 4 at 1 cr. each | MUP 1XX1 to MUP 1XX4 | Jury required for MUP 3XX2 |
| | Inst. Music Education | 7 | 4 at 1 cr. each | MUP 1XX1 to MUP 1XX4 | Jury required for MUP 3XX3 |
| MA in Music | | 0 | 6 at 1 cr. each as General Electives | MUP 6XXX | N/A |
| Master of Music | Instrumental Perf., Jazz Perf., Vocal Perf., Conducting | 3 | 1 at 3 cr. each | MUP 7XX1 | Juries required for all MUP 7XXX |
| | Composition/Theory, Music Industry Studies | 0 | 6 at 1 cr. each as General Electives | MUP 6XXX | N/A |

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