

B.A. in Education: Subject Matter Education (Music) + B.M. in Music Education (Instrumental)

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2025)

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Department of Content Area Teaching Education (rowan.edu/home/education)

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2025 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RU GPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of “D-” or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - Rowan Core & Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under “Attributes.” A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Students must earn an overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.0 in required major courses.
- Students must complete all requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Education, including passage of PRAXIS examinations and required benchmarks.
- Only grades of “C-” or above in any music education or education course may apply to graduation/degree requirements.

Rowan Core Requirements¹

Students must satisfy all six Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy.

With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- ☐ (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
 - ☐ COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh) ☐ COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh) ☐ CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)
- ☐ (ARTL) Artistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:* MUSG 06115
- ☐ (GLBL) Global Literacy *Recommendation from major:* MUSG 06447 or MUSG 06448
- ☐ (HURL) Humanistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:* SPED 08130
- ☐ (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy *Recommendation from major:* MATH 01115
- ☐ (SCIL) Scientific Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 sh

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- ☐ (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- ☐ (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- ☐ (RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute² *Recommendation from major:*

Non-Program Courses (18 sh)

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
	4-credit Biology lab required for NJ teacher certification	Satisfies Scientific Literacy			4
SPED 08130	Disability as Diversity	Satisfies Humanistic Literacy			3
READ 30319	Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Area	Counted in Education credit			-
MUSG 06447 or MUSG 06448 or MUSG 06115	Music in World Cultures Asia and Oceania, Music in World Cultures Africa, Near and Mid East, Growth and Development of Jazz	Satisfies Global Literacy; Satisfies Global Literacy; Satisfies Artistic Literacy			3
MATH 01115	Contemporary Mathematics	Satisfies Quantitative Literacy			3

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

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Subtotal: 13 sh
counted here

Total Major Requirements (99 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 61 sh of Music Courses
 - 38 sh of Education Courses
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- 99 sh total

MUSIC COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem	Grade	Credits
MUS 02103	Major Applied Instrument	Registering for 7 Semesters			14
MUS 04103	Music Theory I		1 st		4
MUS 97100	Piano Class I	Keyboard majors exempt	1 st		1
MUS 04104	Music Theory II		2 nd		4
MUS 97101	Piano Class II	Keyboard majors exempt	2 nd		1
MUS 04216	Music Theory III		3 rd		4
MUS 97200	Piano Class III	Keyboard majors exempt	3 rd		1
MUS 04217	Music Theory IV		4 th		4
MUS 97201	Piano Class IV	Keyboard majors exempt	4 th		1
MUSG 06214	History and Lit of Western Music Rep I				3
MUSG 06215	History and Lit of Western Music Rep II				3
MUSG 06335	History and Lit of Western Music Rep III				3
MUS 97212	Instrumental Conducting I	Spring semester only	4 th		2
MUS 97312	Instrumental Conducting II	Fall semester only	5 th		2
MUS 08100-09121	7 Assigned Ensembles	Must be designated Major Ensembles			7
MUS 08100-09121	Ensemble of choice	For Percussion majors, must be MUS 08164-08171 Percussion Ensemble			1
MUS 01050-01057	Student Recitals	Registering for 6 Semesters			0
MUS 04244	Sophomore Proficiency				0
MUS 97302	Percussion Class				1
MUS 97116	Woodwinds Class				1
MUS 97117	Brass Class				1
MUS 97118	Strings Class				1
MUS 97119	Instrument Lab				1
MUS 97400	Voice Class				1
MUS 04430	Senior Recital				0
					Subtotal: 61 sh

Students with a piano or organ focus must also take the following courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem	Grade	Credits
MUSG 06120	Keyboard Literature				3
MUSG 32219	Piano Pedagogy				1
					Subtotal: 4 sh

EDUCATION COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem	Grade	Credits
SMED 01120	Foundations of Music Education		1 st		3
SMED 01284	Curriculum and Assessment in the Inclusive Music Classroom		2 nd		3
SPED 08130	Disability as Diversity		3 rd		3
SMED 32329	Teaching and Learning in General Music Classrooms: PK-4	Includes a clinical experience placement	3 rd		3

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SMED 32332	Teaching and Learning in General Music Classrooms: 5-12	Includes a clinical experience placement	4 th		3
READ 30319	Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Area		5 th		3
SMED 32331	Teaching and Learning B/Instrumental Methods	Spring Semester Only; Includes a clinical experience placement	6 th		3
SMED 32410	Advanced Instructional Strategies in the Inclusive Music Classroom	Concurrent with Clinical Practice I	7 th		3
SMED 03313	Clinical Practice I: Elementary Music				1
SMED 03314	Clinical Practice I: Secondary Music				1
SMED 32413	Clinical Practice II: Elementary Music				5
SMED 32414	Clinical Practice II: Secondary Music				5
SMED 32412	Clinical Practice Seminar	Concurrent with Clinical Practice II			1
SECD 03350	Teaching Students of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity	Concurrent with Clinical Practice II			1
Subtotal:					38 sh

Benchmark Requirements

Students must complete the following benchmark requirements.

Test Name	Notes	Year	Score
Praxis Core: Reading (test # 5712)	Pass all parts by Junior year	1 or 2	157*
Praxis Core: Math (test #5732)		1 or 2	150*
Praxis Core: Writing (test #5722)		1 or 2	162*
Praxis II: Music Content (test #5113)	Pass prior to residency	3	153*
Must have GPA of at least 3.0 to enter SMED 40462 Clinical Practice I and SMED 40464 Clinical Practice II		4	

**Grades reflect minimum passing scores*

Free Electives for this Major/Degree

There are no Free Electives for this course, but students must take courses satisfying any remaining Rowan Core or Rowan Experience requirements that are not fulfilled by Major or Non-Program courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem	Grade	Credits
Subtotal:					sh

Total Program Credits Required for this Major / Degree: 121 SH