

THE CARDINAL PLAN FOR: **MUSIC/MUSIC EDUCATION**

***A plan for
a successful
college experience.***

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
COURSEWORK	<p>Take MUS 150, 111, 111A, 211, 211A, 211B, major ensemble, and applied lessons</p> <p>Meet with your music advisor each term to schedule courses</p>	<p>Take MUS 311, MUS 311A</p> <p>Meet with your advisor again/ Music Majors discuss minors</p> <p>Music Education students begin taking more methods courses</p>	<p>Take upper division courses including music history courses</p> <p>Plan General Ed courses</p> <p>Music Education students apply for the School of Ed</p>	<p>Finish required courses and look into electives</p> <p>Music Education students prepare for student teaching</p>
GLOBAL VIEWS	<p>Join NAFME, ACDA, or our other student organizations</p> <p>Participate in musical opportunities outside of your comfort zone</p>	<p>Attend the Study Abroad Fair and consider the options and opportunities for learning more about other cultures</p>	<p>Attend the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, Michigan Music Conference, and/or American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA)</p>	<p>Continuing networking out in the community and looking for opportunities to connect professionally</p>
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<p>Look for opportunities to perform in community and/or church music ensembles</p>	<p>Teach: in schools (K-12) through field placements private teaching, Major Chords for Minors</p> <p>Be a Student Ambassador</p>	<p>Teach private lessons, perform with community groups, and branch out into the musical possibilities in our community</p>	<p>Perform, conduct, or teach out in the community as a culmination of your degree work at SVSU</p> <p>Take on leadership roles in ensembles and student organizations</p>
CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT	<p>Get involved with 1 or more registered student organizations</p>	<p>Talk to professors about independent research projects and aspirations for after graduation</p>	<p>Help mentor and tutor less experienced students</p> <p>Be a student ambassador to prospective students</p>	<p>Seek leadership positions in your groups</p>
CAREER PREPARATION	<p>Visit Career Services on campus</p> <p>Be sure to follow your degree plan and get involved in any additional opportunities that are presented to you</p>	<p>Be involved in our professional organizations such as the National Association for Music Educators or the American Choral Directors' Association</p>	<p>Look into graduate school application requirements and deadlines. If applying, take the GRE</p> <p>Meet with professors about what is needed for your proposed graduate degree</p>	<p>Ask early for recommendation letters and complete graduate school applications</p> <p>Prepare for auditions</p>

BEYOND GRADUATION

Students with a BA in Music Education have a high job placement rate and are entering the teaching field during a teacher shortage. We have numerous alums from this degree program teaching music throughout Michigan and the Midwest ready to connect and mentor you!

Alum may pursue graduate work in music performance, musicology, composition and music therapy. Additionally, there are numerous opportunities in music industry, arts management, non-profit organizations, and performance after graduation. Please visit <https://www.svsu.edu/musicdepartment/careeroptions/> for more information.

