

DEGREES OFFERED BY MSU DENVER at DIME

Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies:

Commercial Music Performance (Drums, Bass, Guitar, or Vocals)

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DIME and Metropolitan State University of Denver have announced a partnership that enables students to take MSU Denver courses at DIME. DIME functions as an extended campus of MSU Denver, where students pursue BA's in Individualized Studies with concentrations in commercial music performance, commercial songwriting, and music industry studies.

The BA in Individualized Studies offered by MSU Denver at DIME is a liberal arts degree in which music and general studies content is integrated throughout all coursework. Students are exposed to a broad curriculum that includes studies in history, the arts and humanities, and the sciences. Music is integrated into general studies courses, and the liberal arts are integrated into music courses throughout the degree program.

DIME is a music institute that is custom built for serious musicians who desire a long-term, professional career in commercial music. Courses offered by MSU Denver at DIME are designed to build strong musical and academic foundations, which allow students to seize opportunities for long and sustained careers in the music industry.

1st Semester		Cr.	2nd Semester		Cr.
MUS 1010	Essential Music Theory Skills	2	MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS XXXX	Techniques and Improv. I	3	MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS XXXX	Pre-Production	1	MUS XXXX	Techniques and Improv. II	3
MUS XXXX	Live Performance Workshop	1	MUS XXXX	Pre-Production	1
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS XXXX	Live Performance Workshop	1
MUS 1000	Introduction to Music	3	MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1
CAS 1010	Public Speaking	3	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
			MTH 1080	Math. Modes of Thought	3
			ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
Total		13	Total		16
3rd Semester		Cr.	4th Semester		Cr.
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3	MUS XXXX	Session Styles II	2
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1	MUS XXXX	Interm. Techniques & Improv. II	3
MUS XXXX	Session Styles I	2	MUS XXXX	Artist Inquiry II	3
MUS XXXX	Interm. Techniques and Improv. I	3	MUS 3810	African Drum Ensemble	1
MUS XXXX	Artist Inquiry I	3	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 3810	Ensemble (Pop and Soul Choir)	1	HIST 1040	World History Since 1500	3
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	ARTH1500	Art and Visual Literacy	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Composition	3			
Total		16	Total		15
5th Semester		Cr.	6th Semester		Cr.
MUS XXXX	Adv. Technique & Improv. I	3	MUS XXXX	Adv. Technique & Improv. II	3
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3	MUS XXXX	Group Recital	2
MUS XXXX	Group Recital	2	MUS 3020	Jazz Styles – America's Music	3
MUS XXXX	Domestic Music Market	3	MUS 3810	Ensemble	1
MUS 3810	Ensemble	1	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	THE 3213	Staging Cultures	3
NUT 2040	Introduction to Nutrition	3	JRN 1010	Intro to Journalism & Media	3
Total		15	Total		15

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7th Semester		Cr.	8th Semester		Cr.
MUS XXXX	Personal Expression	3	MUS XXXX	Senior Recital	3
MUS XXXX	Techniques Practicum	3	MUS XXXX	Professional Performance Cap	3
MUS XXXX	Commercial Comp. & Arrangement	3	XXX XXXX	Elective	3
XXX XXXX	Elective	3	XXX XXXX	Elective	2
MUS 3810	Ensemble	1	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MKT 2010	Marketing Around the Globe	3
PHY 3620	Sound and Music	3			
Total		16	Total		14

Auditioning at DIME

MSU Denver at DIME is auditioning students now. As part of this audition, applicants will be interviewed about their previous experience and training. Additionally, they will be asked to perform two songs either to a backing track or self-accompanied on an instrument, and perform scales and exercises as prescribed by the assessor.

For a complete list of audition requirements, and/or to schedule your audition, please call or email:

303-623-1600

info@dime-denver.com

Admission to MSU Denver

After a successful audition, students will be asked to formally apply and submit all necessary documents to Metropolitan State University of Denver through their online application portal. Students will also be asked to pay a \$25 application fee. The online application is available here:

www.msudenver.edu/admissions/apply

MSU Denver at DIME: The Cohort Model

Students who pass an audition and are accepted by MSU Denver will become part of a cohort. This means that every student that attends the MSU Denver at DIME program will follow a prescribed sequence, attend full-time, and progress with their cohort throughout the 4-year program.

General Education Requirements

All students entering into the Bachelor of Individualized Studies: Commercial Music Performance degree program will be required to complete (33) credits of general studies. These courses will be offered online or in person through Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Additional Resources and Opportunities at DIME

DIME is quickly becoming a center for musicians, songwriters, and music entrepreneurs, and with that comes many opportunities for our growing student body.

Our students may receive several performance opportunities for paid and un-paid gigs across the Denver area. Also, DIME students are able to audition and perform alongside well-known musicians through our masterclass program.

Our students have the opportunity to collaborate on original music with their peers and with members of our industry professional faculty.

MSU Denver at DIME Students can consult any instructor about various aspects of their developing musical careers through our tutorial system, which includes a yearly career action planning tutorial with DIME's directors. Each week, students have access to sessions that focus on subjects like networking, professional development, self-employment skills, and more.

Every student has the opportunity to audition original material for DIME's annual student album, DIME Sessions, which will be recorded and released through the school's affiliate record label, Original 1265 Recordings.