

**DEGREES OFFERED BY MSU DENVER at DIME**

**Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies: Commercial Songwriting**

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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	Lyrics Writing	2	MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS XXXX	Foundations of Songwriting I	2	MUS XXXX	Foundations of Songwriting II	2
MUS XXXX	Live Songwriter Workshop	2	MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS XXXX	Live Songwriter Workshop	2
MUS 1000	Introduction to Music	3	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
CAS 1010	Public Speaking	3	MTH 1080	Math. Modes of Thought	3
			ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
Total		14	Total		15
3rd Semester		Cr.	4th Semester		Cr.
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3	MUS XXXX	Song Arrangement I	2
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1	MUS XXXX	Writing for Artists	2
MUS XXXX	Advanced Lyric Writing	2	MUS XXXX	Electronic Music Composition	3
MUS XXXX	Group Performance Instruction I	2	MUS XXXX	Group Perform. Instruction II	2
MUS XXXX	Notation and Chart Writing	3	MUS 3810	African Drum Ensemble	1
MUS 3810	Ensemble (Pop and Soul Choir)	1	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	HIST 1040	World History Since 1500	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Comp.	3	ARTH 1500	Art and Visual Literacy	3
Total		15	Total		16
5th Semester		Cr.	6th Semester		Cr.
MUS XXXX	Song Arrangement II	2	MUS 3020	Jazz Styles – America's Music	3
MUS XXXX	Group Performance Instruction III	3	MUS XXXX	Group Perform. Instruction IV	2
MUS XXXX	Domestic Music Market	3	MUS XXXX	Advanced Songwriting	3
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	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	Co-Writing	3	MUS XXXX	Songwriting Portfolio	3
MUS XXXX	Writing for Film/TV	3	MUS XXXX	Songwriting Capstone	3
MUS XXXX	Publishing and Copyright Law	3	XXX XXXX	Elective	3
MUS XXXX	Fundamentals of Record Production	3	XXX XXXX	Elective	3
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
PHY 3620	Sound and Music	3	MKT 2010	Marketing Around the Globe	3
Total		15	Total		15

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.