World Music

MINOR CODE - U108

The minor in World Music is intended for students with a musical interest outside of Western art music. The required courses focus on the relationship between music and culture and support WVU’s vision of diversity and the advancement of international activity and global engagement. Students may participate in the School of Music's World Music ensembles, including steel drums, African music and dance, Balinese and Javanese gamelans, Japanese taiko drums, and more. Optional study abroad programs include a summer music program in Ghana and an exchange program with universities in Brazil.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses.

Required Courses

- MUSC 116 Music in World Cultures
- MUSC 477 Music of Africa

Music Ensembles and/or Chamber - 6 Hours (May be repeated for additional credit)

- MUSC 354 Chamber Music: Gamelan
- MUSC 355 Chamber Music: Steel Band 1
- MUSC 356 Chamber Music: African
- MUSC 357 Chamber Music: Brazilian
- MUSC 358 Chamber Music: Ethnic
- MUSC 359 Chamber Music: Taiko

Music Electives - 6 hours from the following courses:

- MUSC 110 Fundamentals of Music
- MUSC 112 Great Composers in Performance
- MUSC 111 Introduction to Music
- MUSC 113 Twentieth Century American Pop Music
- MUSC 114 Music in the Modern Age
- MUSC 115 Introduction to History of Jazz
- MUSC 161 Aural Theory 1
- MUSC 162 Written Theory 1
- MUSC 164 Written Theory 2
- MUSC 177 Introduction to Music Listening
- MUSC 236 Introduction to Recording Technology
- MUSC 311 Introduction to Jazz Improvisation
- MUSC 328 Applied Lessons for Minors
- MUSC 499 Global Service Learning

Total Hours

18