

2023–24 Recording Industry–Commercial Songwriting Academic Map

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An academic map is a suggested four-year schedule of courses based on degree requirements in the undergraduate catalog. This sample schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each term. Milestones, courses, and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major are designated to keep you on track to graduate in four years. **Missing milestones could delay your program.**

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements. Also see the current undergraduate catalog (catalog.mtsu.edu) for a complete list of requirements and electives. *Note: Requirements are continually under revision, and there is no guarantee they will not be changed or revoked; contact the department and/or program area for current information.*

You may choose to attend a summer term to reduce your load during fall or spring terms but still stay on track to graduate in four years (see back). NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		RIM 3010/3011*	3	Candidacy course
RIM/JOUR/EMC 1020 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	Candidacy course; may be used for Soc/Beh Sci	RIM 3000	3	Candidacy course
ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3		Soc/Beh Sci	3	
MATH 1710 or higher (Math)	3	Candidacy course	ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	
RIM 3600	3	Candidacy course	RIM 3115/3116	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	Apply to candidacy after 24 hours
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
RIM 1230	3		RIM 3700	3	
RIM CS Elective	3		RIM 3020	3	
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		Minor course	3	
Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		Nat Science (Rubric 2)	4	
Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	16	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
RIM 3900	3		RIM 4700	3	
RIM 4020	3		RIM CS elective: RIM 4025	3	Highly suggested
RIM 3300, RIM 4190, RIM 4210, or RIM 4400	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	
Elective	3		Minor course	3	
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
RIM CS elective	3		RIM CS elective	3	
RIM CS elective	3		Minor course	3	
Minor course	3		Minor course/elective	3	
Minor course	3		Elective	4	
Elective	3				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13	
Note: Students must earn C or higher in all RIM courses.					
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

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Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

Refer to www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/ for information regarding use of the Lottery Scholarship for the summer term.

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ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3		RIM 3000	3	Candidacy course
MATH 1710 or higher (Math)	3	Candidacy course	ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	
RIM 3600	3	Candidacy course	RIM 3115/3116	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	Apply to candidacy after 24 hours
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 1)	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
RIM 1230	3		RIM 3700	3	
RIM CS Elective/Elective	3		RIM 3020	3	
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		Nat Science (Rubric 2)	4	
Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	13	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
RIM 3900	3		RIM 4700	3	
RIM 4020	3		RIM CS elective: RIM 4025	3	Highly suggested
RIM 3300, RIM 4190, RIM 4210, or RIM 4400	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Elective	3		Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
RIM CS elective	3		RIM CS elective	3	
RIM CS elective	3		Minor course	3	
Minor course	3		Minor course/elective	3	
Minor course	3		Elective	4	
Elective	3				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13	
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TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					