

To: the ASC Curriculum Committee
From: Jan Edwards, School of Music

In this document, I include four essential requests for the School of Music's Bachelor of Music Education degree program. Additional requests that are less urgent will follow and before the end of May.

1. A request to raise the overall GPA for students who are accepted in the program from 2.75 to 3.0 GPA.

Several years ago, the music education area voted to raise the minimum cumulative GPA requirement for the Bachelor of Music Education major from 2.75 to 3.0. The area operated on the assumption that the request had been approved; however, I recently learned that the proposal had not been submitted for ASC approval.

Rationale: The music education area believes that its students should be prepared both musically and academically to teach multi-age (i.e., PK-12) learners. Following a fundamental belief that a 2.75 GPA is an inappropriate indicator of teachers' preparedness and competence to teach multi-age learners, we request a change from 2.75 to 3.0 GPA requirement for acceptance to the BME program.

By raising the overall GPA requirement to 3.0, the BME program indicators for teacher preparedness will be consistent with the minimum 3.0 music course requirement for the major.

The music education area would like the minimum 3.0 GPA to go into effect in Autumn 2020. However, currently enrolled students will be able to advance through the program with a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

2. A Request to add a of selection EHE Course Options to the BME program.

The music education faculty received notice from the College of EHE that due to a reduction in the unit's teaching force, fewer sections of ESPHE 4403 will be available for students in music education and other teacher education degree programs. The College of Education and Human Ecology suggested the following options for ESPHE 4403 and we ask to add the course options to the BME curriculum sheet:

ESPHE 4403 – Ethics and the Professional Context of Teaching (3 cr)

OR

ESPHE 3206 – School and Society (3 cr)

OR

I have edited the revised BME curriculum sheets to reflect the request.

3. Edits to the BME Choral, General Music and Instrumental curriculum sheets:

- a. Voice majors in the School of Music have limited choices to meet the current *small ensemble* requirement; consequently, the music education faculty requests to modify the current ensemble requirement on the BME Choral and General Music curriculum sheets. The current statement reads: “Music 2208.XX Small Ensemble.” The modified statement is identical to the requirement for Bachelor of Music (BM) Voice majors: “2208.02 Small Ensemble Voice or 2203.xx Univ. Choirs”

The music education area requests to adopt the requirement and statement for its choral and general music education majors. The revised statement appears in red font on the Bachelor of Music Education Choral and General music curriculum sheets under the heading, “Ensembles: 8 units.”

- b. The instrumental BME small ensemble requirement should include, Music 2207.xx, a small percussion ensemble for percussion majors. I have modified the small ensemble requirement for BME instrumentalists to include 2207.xx as a small ensemble choice. The statement appears under “Ensembles” and in red font on the BME Instrumental and General curriculum sheets.

4. Correction for two errors that appear on the instrumental and general music BME sheets.

- a. Under “Methods” on the BME Instrumental and General curriculum sheets, Music 2262.13 Conducting (Strings) appears as an option. However, the course is not available as an option for any BME major. That is, all instrumental majors must take 2262.11 Conducting (Instrumental).

I request to modify the statement, Music **2262.11 – Conducting, Instrumental OR 2262.13 Conducting Strings** with the following: **2262.11 – Conducting, Instrumental**. The correct statement appears in red font under “Methods” on the revised BME Instrumental and General Curriculum Sheets.

- b. In the 2019 request to add music electives to the BME degree specializations, I incorrectly added “2” credits for all music elective choices on the curriculum sheets. However, Music 2297, an elective for instrumental and general music BME majors, is available for 1 credit. I have corrected one of the Music Electives for instrumental and general music education specialists to reflect the credits available (1-2 credits) in red font.