The NDSCS Performing Arts program has four purposes. It allows students to enjoy music and develop their skills by being in performing groups. It provides general education courses that transfer to colleges or universities. It provides a core curriculum for students planning a music major. Finally, it makes artistic contributions to the campus and community.

Performing groups open to most students include concert band and concert choir. From them, students can participate in jazz band and various vocal ensembles. Students are provided with state-of-the-art sound equipment for the touring Wildcat Singers and Wildcat Jazz Band. The Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center is one of the best auditoriums in the area. Students also may be in small performing groups or take private lessons.

Students of all abilities are welcome in the music program, whether they plan to major in music or plan to continue their enjoyment through classroom study or performance ensembles. Many school instruments are provided.

Career possibilities include instrumental and choral conductor, classroom or private teacher, studio technician, composer, and/or performer.

**Admission Requirements**
The applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent. Helpful courses to prepare for this program are high school band and/or high school choir.

**Award**
Upon successful completion of the required courses, students will be awarded an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

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**Course Code** | **Course Title** | **Credits**
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COMM 110 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3
ENGL 110 | College Composition I | 3
ENGL 120 | College Composition II | 3
FYE 101 | Science of Success | 1
MUSC 115 | Concert Band (1 credit/term) | 4
or MUSC 117 | Concert Choir (1 credit/term) | 4
MUSC 122 | Music Theory I | 3
MUSC 123 | Aural Skills I | 2
MUSC 124 | Music Theory II | 3
MUSC 125 | Aural Skills II | 2
MUSC 138 | Jazz Band | 1
MUSC 157 | Pop-Swing Choir | 1
MUSC 182 | Technology of Music | 3
MUSC 245 | Applied Music-Private Piano Lessons (1 credit/term) | 2
or MUSC 160 | Classic Piano I (1) and MUSC 161 | 2
or MUSC 160 | Classic Piano II (1) | 2
Voice or Instrumental Lessons (1 credit/term) | 2
Students may select from the following:
MUSC 144 | Applied Music-Private Voice Lessons (1) | 1
MUSC 145 | Applied Music-Private Instrumental Lessons (1) | 1
Humanities/History Electives | 6
From two different prefixes within the categories marked ND:HUM or ND:HIST | 6
Required:
MUSC 100 | Music Appreciation (3) | 3
Math, Science and Computer Information Systems Electives | 13
From any course marked ND:LABSC, ND:MATH, ND:COMPSC, ND:SCI | 13
All students must complete one lab science course, one mathematics course and one computer science course.
Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives | 8
From two or more prefixes within the category marked ND:SS | 8
General Education Electives | 6

**Total Required Credits** | **68**

This curriculum meets the North Dakota University System general education requirements as indicated in the NDSCS Catalog under the heading: NDUS General Education Transfer Agreement.

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