

DEGREES OFFERED BY MSU DENVER at DIME
Bachelor of Arts in Music: Commercial Songwriting

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DIME Denver is custom built for serious musicians who desire a long-term, professional career in today's music industry. The courses are designed to build strong musical foundations, which allow students to seize opportunities for long and sustained careers. Through a partnership with Metropolitan State University of Denver, students at DIME Denver can earn a Bachelor of Arts in Music: Commercial Songwriting.

1st Semester		Cr.	2nd Semester		Cr.
MUS 1866	Lyric Writing	2	MUS 1864	Foundations of Songwriting II	2
MUS 1862	Foundations of Songwriting I	2	MUS 1860	Live Songwriting Workshop	2
MUS 1860	Live Songwriting Workshop	2	MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS 1010	Essential Music Theory Skills	2	MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1	MTH 1080	Mathematics for Liberal Arts	3
MUS 1000	Introduction to Music	3	ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
CAS 1010	Public Speaking	3	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0			
Total		15	Total		14
3rd Semester		Cr.	4th Semester		Cr.
MUS 2865	Advanced Lyric Writing	2	MUS 2862	Song Arrangement I	2
MUS 2860	Notation and Chart Writing	3	MUS 2866	Writing for Artists	3
MUS 2940	Group Performance Instruction I	2	MUS 3860	Commercial Electronic Music	3
MUS 3836	Ensemble (Pop & Soul Choir)	1	MUS 2950	Group Perform. Instruction II	2
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3	MUS 3835	Ensemble (African Drum & Dance)	1
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1	HIST 1220	American History since 1865	3
ENG 1020	Research and Argument Writing	3	ARTH 1500	Art and Visual Literacy	3
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
Total		15	Total		17
5th Semester		Cr.	6th Semester		Cr.
MUS 2864	Song Arrangement II	2	MUS 3862	Advanced Songwriting	3
MUS 3940	Group Performance Instruction III	2	MUS 3020	Jazz Styles – America's Music	3
MUS 1890	Domestic Music Market	3	MUS 3950	Group Perform. Instruction IV	2
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3	MUS 3810	Ensemble	1
MUS 3810	Ensemble	1	THE 3213	Staging Cultures: Theatre, Drama & Multiculturalism	3
NUT 2040	Introduction to Nutrition	3	JRN 1010	Intro. to Journalism & Mass Media	3
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
Total		14	Total		15
7th Semester		Cr.	8th Semester		Cr.
MUS 4860	Co-Writing	3	MUS 4892	Songwriting Portfolio	3
MUS 4862	Writing for Film/TV	3	MUS 4899	Commercial Music Capstone	3
MUS 4888	Music Publishing and Copyright Law	3	XXX XXXX	Elective	3
MUS 3888	Fundamentals of Record Production	3	XXX XXXX	Elective	3
PHY 3620	Sound and Music	3	MKT 2010	Marketing Around the Globe	3
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
Total		15	Total		15

Auditioning at DIME

All students are required to pass an audition to attend the MSU Denver at DIME program. 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 requested by the assessor.

A complete list of audition requirements for each program is posted on our website. To schedule your audition, please call: **303-623-1600** or email: info@dime-denver.com

Admission to MSU Denver

All students will be asked to formally apply and submit all necessary documents to Metropolitan State University of Denver through their online application portal. The online application is available at: www.msudenver.edu/admissions/apply

Transfer students are welcome to apply, but should be aware that the program is cohort based and will require a four-year commitment.

Tuition, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Work-Study

Tuition for students on the MSU Denver at DIME program is \$14,625 for the 18/19 academic year. Financial Aid and Scholarships are available. Students are highly encouraged to fill out a FAFSA by April 1st, and apply for scholarships no later than March 1st. DIME Denver also now offers work study to incoming students. If approved, students can earn up to \$3,000 per semester.

To fill out a FAFSA, visit: www.fafsa.ed.gov and use **MSU Denver's School Code: 001360**

To apply for scholarships, visit: www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/scholarships

For Work-Study, visit: www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/undergraduate/typesofaid/work-study

Housing

DIME Denver does not have onsite housing, but we do offer assistance to incoming students. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in finding a roommate or learning more about apartments and houses in the Denver area.

Additional Resources and Opportunities at DIME Denver

DIME has become a center for performers, songwriters, and music entrepreneurs, and with that comes many opportunities for our growing student body. Our students receive several **performance opportunities** that include end-of-semester student showcases, as well as opportunities to perform at events in the Denver area. Also, students are able to audition and perform alongside well-known musicians through our **masterclass program**.

MSU Denver at DIME Students can consult any instructor about various aspects of their developing musical careers through our **one-to-one system**, which includes a yearly **career action planning tutorial**. Each week, students have access to sessions that focus on subjects like networking, professional development, self-employment skills, and more.

Students have the opportunity to audition original material for DIME's annual student album, **DIME Sessions**, which is recorded and released through the school's affiliate record label, **Original 1265 Recordings**.