

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

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DIME is a music institute that is custom built for serious musicians who desire a long-term, professional career in commercial music. DIME and Metropolitan State University of Denver have a partnership that enables students to take MSU Denver courses at DIME. These programs are designed to build strong musical and academic foundations that allow students to seize opportunities for long and sustained careers in the music industry.

Students are able to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Music in Commercial Music Performance, Commercial Songwriting, or Music Industry Studies. These are liberal arts degrees in which music and general studies content is integrated throughout all coursework. Students are exposed to a broad curriculum that includes studies in history, the arts and humanities, and the sciences. Music is integrated into general studies courses, and the liberal arts are integrated into music courses throughout the degree program.

1st Semester		Cr.	2nd Semester		Cr.
MUS 1010	Essential Music Theory Skills	2	MUS 1110	Music Theory I	3
MUS 1866	Lyric Writing	2	MUS 1120	Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 1862	Foundations of Songwriting I	2	MUS 1864	Foundations of Songwriting II	2
MUS 3860	Live Songwriting Workshop	2	MUS 161B	Class Piano I	1
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 3860	Live Songwriting Workshop	2
MUS 1000	Introduction to Music	3	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
CAS 1010	Public Speaking	3	MTH 1080	Mathematical Modes of Thought	3
			ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
Total		14	Total		15
3rd Semester		Cr.	4th Semester		Cr.
MUS 1130	Music Theory II	3	MUS 2862	Song Arrangement I	2
MUS 1140	Music Theory Lab II	1	MUS 2866	Writing for Artists	2
MUS 2865	Advanced Lyric Writing	2	MUS 3870	Commercial Electronic Music	3
MUS 2940	Group Performance Instruction I	2	MUS 2950	Group Perform. Instruction II	2
MUS 2860	Notation and Chart Writing	3	MUS 3810	African Drum Ensemble	1
MUS 3810	Ensemble (Pop and Soul Choir)	1	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	HIST 1220	American History since 1865	3
ENG 1020	Research and Argument Writing	3	ARTH 1500	Art and Visual Literacy	3
Total		15	Total		16
5th Semester		Cr.	6th Semester		Cr.
MUS 2864	Song Arrangement II	2	MUS 3020	Jazz Styles – America’s Music	3
MUS 3940	Group Performance Instruction III	3	MUS 3950	Group Perform. Instruction IV	2
MUS 1890	Domestic Music Market	3	MUS 3862	Advanced Songwriting	3
MUS 3050	Musics of the World	3	MUS 3810	Ensemble	1
MUS 3810	Ensemble	1	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	THE 3213	Staging Cultures	3
NUT 2040	Introduction to Nutrition	3	JRN 1010	Intro. to Journalism & Media	3
Total		15	Total		15

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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
MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0	MUS 0020	Recital Attendance	0
PHY 3620	Sound and Music	3	MKT 2010	Marketing Around the Globe	3
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 prescribed 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](mailto: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](http://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/apply)

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

### Tuition and Financial Aid

Students on the MSU Denver at DIME program have a fixed schedule and tuition rate of \$14,625 per year beginning in Fall 2018. Financial Aid and Scholarships are available, and students are encouraged to fill out a FAFSA by April 1st, and apply for scholarships no later than March 1st.

To fill out a FAFSA, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

To apply for scholarships, visit: [www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/scholarships](http://www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/scholarships)

### Additional Resources and Opportunities at DIME

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 at our on-site performance space, 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**.