

Department of Music Mission Statement

The Music Department offers two degrees: Bachelor of Arts (with concentrations in Composition, Jazz Studies, Music Studies and Performance) and Master of Music (with concentrations in Conducting, Composition, Jazz Studies, and Performance). The Bachelor of Arts degree is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue careers in the music profession and/or to pursue advanced study in music, while the Master of Music degree is designed to provide advanced study in music that prepares students to assume leadership roles within the profession and/or to pursue further advanced study. The Department serves the needs of non-majors through instruction and performance opportunities designed to nurture lifelong appreciation and support of music. The creative activity of the Department serves the cultural needs of the community through numerous performances, workshops and visiting artists. The Department's service activity includes support of community music making and a commitment to the development of regional, national, and international partnerships.

Student Learning Outcomes

Bachelor of Music

1. Students will demonstrate the skills requisite for artistic self-expression and the creation of high quality music.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interaction through aural, verbal, and visual analyses.
3. Students will be able to place music in the appropriate historical, cultural, and stylistic contexts.

Master of Music

1. Students will demonstrate advanced skills of artistic self-expression and knowledge of repertoire through the creation of high quality music.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to employ research methodology appropriate for the advanced study of music in order to synthesize its historical and theoretical contexts.
3. Students will demonstrate skills requisite for advanced aural, verbal, and visual analyses of music.