



The Bachelor of Music

Inspire others with the gift of music.

A degree in music prepares students to be the next generation of musicians. Graduates with music degrees understand that self-discipline, collaboration, creativity and adaptability are central to the work of musicians.

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The Bachelor of Music balances performing, academic, educational and technological aspects of music to prepare 21st century musicians and offers the following emphasis areas:

- Business Studies
- Composition
- Music Performance, Instrumental or Vocal
- Music Theory
- Performance Jazz Studies

Students work with dynamic music education faculty and professional musicians drawn from the St. Louis area including members of the St. Louis Symphony and the Arianna String Quartet to engage, inspire and challenge.

Admission to all Music degree programs is by audition to demonstrate musical aptitude and potential, moderate technical proficiency and seriousness in selecting music as a four-year course of study. In addition to the applied music audition, placement examinations in music theory and music history may be required to confirm students' prior experience in these areas. Evidence of sound musicianship, a close acquaintance with an appropriate portion of musical literature and the ability to bring it to actual performance are required for graduation in all Music degree programs. Students fulfill this requirement with a senior recital.

Upon completion of the BM, graduates will have technical skills requisite for artistic self-expression; understand the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interaction; have a rudimentary capacity to create original or derivative music; have basic knowledge of music history and repertoires through the present time; be able to work on musical problems by combining their capabilities in performance, aural, verbal and visual analysis, composition/ improvisation, history and repertory. Those who choose a Business Studies emphasis will also be able to develop necessary professional abilities and dispositions in order to function in a field-based business internship (e.g. marketing, management, public relations, etc.). Those who choose a Music Theory emphasis will also develop requisite knowledge base, skill sets and the professional dispositions needed to engage in scholarly dialogue through research and analysis.

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Music at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

The Music Department at UMSL is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). Music students have access to studios, rehearsal space, a recital hall and a dedicated computer lab. More so, students and faculty have opportunities to display their talents in the world-class Touhill Performing Arts Center that also serves as a cultural classroom for the community. In addition, numerous ensembles invigorate the student experience, including University Chorus, University Symphonic Band, University Wind Ensemble, University Singers, University Orchestra or Jazz Orchestra, allowing students to showcase their talents throughout the year.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Music is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and musicians who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at music.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for music.

Career Opportunities

Accompanist
Artistic Director or Manager
Composer
Educator
Entrepreneur
Film Scoring
Music Production
Music Therapist
Musicologist
Performer
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