

MEAD WITTER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Mead Witter School of Music (<https://music.wisc.edu/>) is a community of musicians, scholars, and teachers. Since its founding in 1895, the School of Music has lived out a commitment to a student-centered musical education.

As a large department in the College of Letters & Science, we offer flexible programs with innovative and global approaches to music study. Our teaching, research, and performances reflect UW–Madison's progressive history of creating change through innovation and exploration.

ACCREDITATION

We are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and have been an institutional member of NASM since 1966. NASM is located at 11250 Roger Bacon Dr., Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190, and can be reached by phone at 703-437-0700. nasm.arts-accredit.org (<https://nasm.arts-accredit.org/>)

FACILITIES

Learn more about our facilities on our website at: music.wisc.edu/facilities (<https://music.wisc.edu/facilities/>)

CONCERT & EVENTS

We offer concerts and events throughout the year that are open to everyone: music.wisc.edu/events (<https://music.wisc.edu/events/>)

CHOOSING A MUSIC MAJOR

Mead Witter School of Music offers several degree programs at the undergraduate level. Programs provide a foundation for graduate study and a career in music. We encourage conversations with Mead Witter School of Music professors at any point during your first year as a Music major to learn as much as possible about options that are available.

- The Music major for the **Bachelor of Arts** and **Bachelor of Science** in the College of Letters & Science is an excellent program for students interested in exploring the wide array of course offerings in the college or in two or more majors. Students outside of Letters & Science can earn an additional major in Music with the permission of their home school or college.
- The **Bachelor of Music Performance** is a professional degree in music, with a majority of total coursework within the Mead Witter School of Music. Students in this program are looking for depth in performance study along with a large complement of other musical studies at an advanced level.
- The **Bachelor of Music Education** offers a degree that helps students prepare for the "K-12 Music" teacher certification.

GRADES AND ADVISING

The School of Music is a department of the UW–Madison College of Letters & Science. Information on the grading system and academic procedures/policies is available in the College of Letters & Science section of this *Guide* under the policies and regulations (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#policiesandregulationstext>) tab.

The undergraduate advisor of the Mead Witter School of Music serves as the advisor for all Music majors. The advisor maintains records and assists students in determining an appropriate course schedule each semester.

MUSIC COURSES AND ENSEMBLES FOR NON-MUSIC MAJORS

The School of Music offers a variety of courses in music theory, history, and literature to all UW–Madison students. Check out Course Search & Enroll (<https://enroll.wisc.edu/>) each semester to see what is being offered. More information can be found at Mead Witter School of Music – Areas of Study (<https://music.wisc.edu/areas-of-study/>).

The School of Music also offers numerous bands, chamber ensembles, choirs, jazz ensembles, operas, and orchestras that are open to all UW–Madison students. Some ensembles require an audition and others do not. Learn more about School of Music ensembles at Student Ensembles (<https://music.wisc.edu/ensembles/>).

The School of Music has very limited availability for nonmajors to take performance study (lessons) for credit and requires an audition before enrolling. Students interested in performance study should reach out to either the listed course instructor or undergraduate advisor for more information.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Persons who are interested in courses offered by the School of Music but who are not working toward a UW–Madison degree should contact the Division of Continuing Studies (<https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/>), 21 North Park Street, Madison, WI 53715; 608-263-6960. Enrollment is limited to certain music courses.

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Mead Witter School of Music offers several options for majoring in music. Each requires a performance audition for admission. Continuation to upper-level study in these programs is contingent upon faculty approval and upon specific GPA minimums in several categories. Refer to the Requirements tab in each program description for details.

Bachelor of Music: Performance, with options in Brass, Percussion & Woodwinds, Composition, Guitar, Jazz, Organ, Piano, Strings, or Voice.

Bachelor of Music: Music Education, with options in Choral/General and Instrumental/General.

Bachelor of Arts or **Bachelor of Science**, or Additional Major, with options in performance (including jazz studies), composition, or an individualized music curriculum.

- Music, BA (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/music/music-ba/>)
- Music, BS (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/music/music-bs/>)

- Music: Education, BM (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/music/music-education-bm/>)
- Music: Performance, BM (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/music/music-performance-bm/>)

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID FOR MUSIC STUDENTS

The Mead Witter School of Music is able to offer some scholarships to its applicants based on the quality of the audition performance and the School of Music application. Continuing students are also considered for scholarship based on their progress in the School of Music. Please see the School of Music (<https://music.wisc.edu/undergraduate-admissions/>) website for more information regarding music scholarships.

Students are also encouraged to fill out the FAFSA and consult the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) to regarding other available grants and loans.

HIRE A MUSICIAN

The School of Music maintains a blog for posting part-time job opportunities, gigs in the area, and other professional development opportunities at musicgigs.music.wisc.edu (<https://musicgigs.music.wisc.edu/>).

MUSICIAN HEALTH

For more information on student resources and information on the prevention and treatment of music-related injuries, please check out our musician health page: music.wisc.edu/musician-health (<https://music.wisc.edu/musician-health/>).