

# Bachelor of Arts Degree, Music Major

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW** The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music is not intended to be a substitute for any of the professional degrees offered by the Department of Music.

**DEGREE OPTIONS** Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music

**PROGRAM SIZE** Approximately 12 students are enrolled in the major.

**FACULTY** The Music Department includes 17 full-time faculty, many with doctoral degrees. All full-time faculty are engaged in teaching classes from the introductory to advanced levels.

**ACADEMIC PREPARATION** Intensive experiences in music study and performance are required in order to be eligible for consideration. Students are selected for admission by the music faculty through an audition/interview process.

## REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS AND COURSES FOR A MAJOR

<i>BA Music</i> <i>(56 credit hours)</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>
APPLIED MUSIC	8 hrs.
MUS 148, 149, or 150	8 hrs.
MUS 1, 2, 3, 4	8 hrs.
MUS 5	3 hrs.
MUS 81	3 hrs.
MUS 51, 52, 53, 54	8 hrs.
MUS 107	3 hrs.
MUS 111, 112	6 hrs.
MUSIC LITERATURE/MUSIC THEORY ELECTIVES	6 hrs.
MUS 167	1 hr.
MUS 168	2 hrs.

1. An audition is required in the applied area.
2. The required two years of study in applied music must be in the same instrument/voice.
3. Eight semesters of Music 21, Recitals, are required.
4. Sixty-eight credit hours are to be taken in courses outside of music.

**REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS AND COURSES OUTSIDE MAJOR** The Drake Curriculum, required of all undergraduates, is designed to help students meet personal and professional goals as they acquire fundamental knowledge and abilities in ten Areas of Inquiry, including communication, critical thinking, artistic experience, historical consciousness, information and technology literacy, international and multicultural experiences, scientific and quantitative literacy, values and ethics and engaged citizenship. Students work closely with their academic advisers to craft a program of study in general education that prepares students for civic and professional leadership.

The Drake Curriculum also requires first-year seminars, which foster development of critical thinking and written and oral communication skills through a topical focus; and a Senior Capstone, in which students demonstrate the capacity to bring information, skills and ideas to bear on one project.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES/INTERNSHIPS** Because of the many electives available in this degree, the B. A. is ideal for students planning to pursue a second major in addition to music. B. A. students are also required to take a Junior Research Seminar (introducing them to basic issues in scholarly research and writing) and to complete a senior thesis on a subject of their choice.

**CAREER OPTIONS** Students intending to pursue musical academic fields in graduate school (e.g., musicology, ethnomusicology, music theory, music librarianship) would benefit from the B. A.'s emphasis on research and writing. In addition to careers in higher education, B. A. recipients are well-positioned for careers in music criticism and journalism, library science, and other fields in the arts emphasizing research and writing skills.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** Information about scholarships in the Music Department may be obtained in the Music Department office.

**ORGANIZATIONS** Bachelor of Arts students participate in Music Department professional groups including Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, CMENC, and many others.

## NOTED ALUMNI

- Tarisa Matsumoto-Maxfield, FA '95, Instructor, Writing and Asian-American Studies, Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA
- Regan Kane, FA '97, violinist, Boulder and Greeley Philharmonic Orchestras; teacher, Peak to Peak Charter School, Lafayette, CO
- Rebecca Cordes, FA '98, educator with Musicked.com (a division of the Dallas School of Music), Carrollton, TX

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