MAJOR IN MUSIC (B.M.)

Our primary goal is to prepare students to become highly skilled music educators, music therapists, performers, and composers. Program goals encourage and develop high standards of teaching, scholarship, performance, and research in music. We are pleased to offer small academic classes, applied study with highly qualified faculty, and careful attention to advising. Courses in music appreciation, music theory fundamentals, and ensembles are open to all students regardless of major.

A successful audition is required prior to entrance into any B.M. Music degree program. Please refer to the admissions office of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance (https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply) for information regarding auditions and specific application requirements.

Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate:

• Ability to perform music from a variety of historical/ style periods, and exhibit the appropriate skills for musical self-expression in juried performances. These skills include: technique, musicianship, tone, diction/articulation, style, interpretation, sight-reading, rhythm, and artistry.
• Keyboard skills.
• The capacity to create original or derivative music.
• Understanding of the common elements and organizational patterns of music, including musical forms, processes, and structures.
• Knowledge of music history and repertory, including representative composers and works according to the area of specialization, as well as study and experiences with music in addition to that of the primary culture encompassing the area of specialization.

Students are also expected to learn music literature from all periods through aural and score analysis. Performance skills are tested at the end of the sophomore year and in a graduation recital if required by the degree option. Some programs require satisfactory completion of supervised student teaching, an internship, or a senior project.

Potential Occupations

The professional undergraduate music curricula at CSU can lead to personally fulfilling careers as music educators, music therapists, performers, composers, private teachers, and entrepreneurs. Music graduates from CSU have successfully gained employment in public and private schools, hospitals and institutions, and as professional performers and composers.

Concentrations and Options

• Composition Concentration
• Music Education Concentration
  • Choral Option
  • Instrumental Option
• Music Therapy Concentration
• Performance Concentration
  • Jazz Studies Option
  • Orchestral Instrument Option
  • Organ Option
• Piano Option
• Piano Pedagogy Option
• String Pedagogy Option
• Voice Option