

MAJOR IN MUSIC (B.M.)

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The Bachelor of Music (B.M.) at CSU is a professional degree program, with concentrations designed 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. A successful audition is required before entrance into the Bachelor of Music (B.M.) concentrations.

Courses in music appreciation, music theory fundamentals, and ensembles are open to all students regardless of major.

Learning Objectives

1. Ability to perform music from a variety of historical/ style periods and exhibit the appropriate skills for musical self-expression in juried performances at a level appropriate for the particular concentration. These skills include technique, musicianship, tone, diction/articulation, style, interpretation, sight-reading, rhythm, and artistry.
2. Keyboard or an equivalent competency appropriate to the course of study.
3. The rudimentary capacity to create original or derivative music.
4. Understanding of the common elements and organizational patterns of music, including musical forms, processes, and structures.
5. Knowledge of music history and cultures through the present time, including study and experience of musical language and achievements that extend beyond those associated with the primary specialization.
6. 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.

There are unique learning objectives for each concentration. See concentration pages for details.

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, and/or have advanced to outstanding graduate programs throughout the United States.

Concentrations and Options

- Composition Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-composition-concentration/>)
- Music Education Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-education-concentration/>)

- Choral Option (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-education-concentration-choral-option/>)
- Instrumental Option (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-education-concentration-instrumental-option/>)
- Music Therapy Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-therapy-concentration/>)
- Performance Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-performance-concentration/>)
 - Jazz Studies Option (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-performance-concentration-jazz-studies-option/>)
 - Orchestral Instrument Option (Brass, Percussion, Strings, Woodwinds) (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-performance-concentration-orchestral-instrument-option/>)
 - Organ Option (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-performance-concentration-organ-option/>)
 - Piano Option (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-performance-concentration-piano-option/>)
 - Voice Option (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/music-bm-performance-concentration-voice-option/>)

Music Audition

Prospective CSU Students: In addition to applying to CSU through the Office of Admissions, a successful audition with CSU Music faculty is required for entrance into the B.M. concentrations. Please visit the music website for Music Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply/>).

Current CSU Students: To change your major to music, you may call the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at (970) 491-5891 or email smt@colostate.edu (cla_advising@colostate.edu). Current CSU students need to complete the audition process and be accepted to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance before contacting the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center. Please visit the music website for Music Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply/>).

Join an Ensemble: Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs are open to all CSU students. Ensemble audition excerpts and instructions are available at Ensemble Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/auditions/>) (some ensembles do not require an audition).

Music Program Fee

Music Program Fee: Undergraduate and graduate music and musical theatre majors and music minors, per semester. Does not apply to the following students: online degree students and summers-only master's degree students. Please visit the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President (<https://provost.colostate.edu/student-resources/>) for special course fees.