

# MUSIC

The School of Music, housed in Duerksen Fine Arts Center, offers programs in history-literature, opera, performance, piano pedagogy, and theory-composition. The School also offers specializations in music education-choral, general, instrumental, and special education. These programs are significant in size and quality and are highly acclaimed throughout the nation.

Wichita State's metropolitan location gives you many educational, cultural, and economic advantages. You can join various music groups on campus, and you can hear world-class concert artists perform with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra or with the WSU Guest Artist Series. You will have a chance to study with the best when guest artists hold master classes.

If you want to earn a little extra money, you need look no further. There are ample opportunities in Wichita for you to get paid while you gain valuable practical experience as a musician or teacher.

Our students learn in outstanding facilities that include a music library and plentiful practice rooms and studios, and they play on such instruments as Bösendorfer and Steinway grand pianos and a

Marcussen Organ in Wiedemann Hall.

## **Music and the Liberal Arts**

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) with a music concentration is a generalist degree program combining a music emphasis with a strong background in the traditional liberal arts. This degree will prepare you for opportunities in music-related fields and for a full range of career alternatives.

## **Music Education**

If you are interested in teaching vocal, general, or instrumental music in elementary or secondary schools and you want to pursue your performance area, choose the Bachelor of Music Education (BME). To complete this degree, you must meet the state requirements for teacher licensure. The BME has three emphases or options: instrumental, special music education and vocal and keyboard.

## **Music Performance**

You might major in a performance area: keyboard, string, vocal, woodwind, brass, or percussion. The Bachelor of Music degree combines performance with musical development and the general

education component of University studies. You will participate in a variety of ensembles in addition to concentrating in the applied area of specialization.

When you graduate from our music performance program, you will have the credentials for graduate-level performance programs, and for a successful music performance career. Wichita State is the only university in the Kansas Regents' system that offers programs in piano pedagogy and accompanying.

## **Music Theory-Composition**

If you choose to earn the Bachelor of Music degree in the music theory-composition program, you will probably pick one of two career paths. One is graduate study leading to an advanced degree required for teaching on the college or university level. The other path leads to many employment opportunities. You might work in orchestration or arranging, free-lance composition, music copying or computer graphics in music, music publishing or editing, commercial music, or in a specialty such as music composition for children.

## Music Programs with Elective Studies

The School of Music has two degree programs, which give you the option of additional focus in career preparation. These are:

- BM with Elective Studies in Business. This program prepares you for a career in the music industry with such specialties as administration, marketing, publishing, or manufacturing.
- BM with Elective Studies in Journalism. This program has three options. The first is a career in broadcasting—radio or television broadcasting or writing. Or you might choose advertising and public relations for music groups or organizations. The third option—news editorial—prepares you, for example, to review and report on the art of music.

## Course of Study

For an outline of the specific courses required by each program, call or write either the Office of Admissions or the School of Music. Specify the programs in which you are interested: conducting, history-literature, opera, performance (keyboard, vocal, string, wind, or percussion), piano pedagogy, theory-composition,

specializations in music education (choral, general, instrumental, or special education), or one of the programs with elective studies.

## Admission

If you choose one of our music programs, you will be admitted to the School of Music and assigned an advisor from the music faculty who will help you plan your course of study.

If you are interested in entering the music education program, you must submit an application directly to that program. To enter the teacher certification program, you must complete 50 semester hours with at least a 2.50 grade point average (a C+/B- average), and you also must meet current Teacher Education admissions requirements.

If you are a Kansas high school graduate, you are eligible to apply for admission into one of the performance programs. You must have an adequate performance background, and you must audition prior to enrollment. If you are a transfer student, you must satisfy music performance and academic expectations relative to their levels at the time of transfer.

To be admitted to the music theory-composition program, you should have considerable background study in piano or organ. You need to apply directly to the specific program. If you are a transfer student, you should have some completed compositions to be reviewed before being accepted.

## For More Information

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

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Wichita State University  
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Toll-free (800) 362-2594  
[www.wichita.edu/admissions](http://www.wichita.edu/admissions)  
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