BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

The Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) at Ohio University is designed for academically talented students with excellent musicianship and a strong background in music who seek a more flexible degree program than is typically possible within a Bachelor of Music curriculum. This includes students who want to perform and study music while preparing for law or medical school, students who want to pursue a double major, and students who want to focus on academic music studies in the context of a broader liberal arts background. The B.A. requires fewer credit hours in music compared to the B.Mus. degree, so opportunities abound for study in a second area of interest, whether through additional minors or a double major. The B.A. is a true “liberal arts” degree: students complete a range of coursework including foreign language study, humanities, sciences, and mathematics, as well as the core music curriculum in performance, musicianship, music theory, and music history.

Professional Opportunities

The B.A. degree in music prepares students for a wide variety of careers. In addition to providing a solid foundation for graduate studies in music, the B.A. degree provides enough flexibility for pre-med and pre-law studies. Or combine the B.A. in music with another major, like business or biology. Or add a minor in another area of interest—perhaps telecommunications or African American Studies. Some of the possibilities (but not all!) are listed at right.

Study Abroad

Ohio University provides a wide range of opportunities to earn college credit through Education Abroad programs. The College of Fine Arts sponsors a number of these programs, including offerings in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. See http://www.finearts.ohio.edu/ for more details.

Performance Opportunities

All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree program participate in a variety of School of Music vocal and/or instrumental ensembles. These range from the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, The Marching 110, Jazz Ensembles-Combos, Symphony Orchestra, Singing Men of Ohio, Women's Chorale, University Singers, Choral Union, Opera Theater, New Music Ensemble, African Ensemble, and numerous chamber music ensembles.

Combine your study of music with:

A double major in…
- Pre-law
- Pre-medicine
- Biology
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Marketing
- Modern Languages
- Music Production
- Telecommunications
- And many more…

A minor in…
- African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- English
- Film
- Interdisciplinary Arts
- Jazz Studies
- Philosophy
- And many more…

A certificate in…
- East Asian Studies
- International Studies
- Political Communication
- Women's Studies
- And many more…

These are just a few of the possibilities—you can combine the B.A. in Music with a variety of majors, minors or certificate programs available at Ohio University. The options are limited only by your imagination!

School of Music Faculty Biographies
www.finearts.ohio.edu/music
Application Process

Admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree program is selective, with high academic and music performance standards. In addition to completing the standard application for admission to the university, applicants are required to complete a successful audition on their major instrument, submit a writing sample, and meet with the program coordinator. Admission decisions will also take into account academic background (high school curriculum, GPA, class rank, standardized test scores, and so on). Additional information regarding this application process may be found online at www.finearts ohio.edu/music.

Scholarships

Upon audition, students will be eligible for scholarships in the School of Music. These awards are highly competitive and are dependent upon availability from year to year. Ohio University also offers outstanding awards based on academic skills. Visit www ohio.edu/financialaid for more information.

About the School of Music

One of four schools in the College of Fine Arts, the School of Music is a significant part of the vibrant cultural life of the Ohio campus. Our students, faculty, and guest artists present well over 150 concerts annually. A distinguished faculty of 43 professors serves a primarily residential student body of approximately 230 undergraduate and 50 masters’ students. The School of Music also houses the Athens Community Music School, which provides lessons, ensembles and courses to students of all ages from Southeast Ohio. School of Music students have the opportunity to teach through the ACMS, gaining highly valuable professional experience. School of Music alumni hold prominent teaching and professional positions in a variety of music fields throughout the United States and abroad. The School of Music is committed to a continuing tradition of excellence and to meeting the needs of future generations of students. Ohio University has been a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music since 1946.

About Ohio University

Ohio University, chartered in 1804, was the first institute of higher learning in the Northwest Territory. Today it has a student body of over 19,000, offers degrees in more than 250 undergraduate programs and grants master’s and doctoral degrees in nearly all of its major academic divisions. Located in Athens, Ohio provides diverse intellectual stimulation and a wealth of social-cultural activities in a scenic setting. Neighboring cities with active performance calendars include: Charleston, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Pittsburgh.

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