



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

A World of Music in the Heart of the City



ABOUT US From state-of-the-art performance venues to internationally recognized professors who are innovative musicians, scholars, and composers, the Department of Music at MSU Denver will elevate your musicianship so you can turn your passion into a successful career. Whether you choose to pursue performance, composition, or music education, our diverse curriculum flows through classical, jazz, commercial, and world music to help you navigate the broad range of opportunities that exist for the 21st-century musician.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES As an undergraduate-only program, we provide fantastic opportunities to perform in both solo and ensemble contexts without having to compete with graduate students. This includes performances of compositions by student performers. The Department also facilitates internship opportunities including student teaching, working with arts organizations like the Colorado Symphony, and others.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL Every music major and minor has the opportunity to work one-on-one with professional musicians whose work is acclaimed in Colorado, the United States, and around the world. This personal attention means students can develop musical skills quickly while also building their network of professional contacts.



STUDENT QUOTE "I have always been passionate about sharing music with others in one way or another, either through my years working at a record store, to teaching music lessons, and then into my work in event production, by helping to create high quality performances by providing quality stage, sound and lighting. I am humbled and thankful every day to be able to pursue some of my passions in life to make them into a career and MSU Denver is a big part of me realizing these goals."

-Timothy Shea

INDUSTRY CAREERS

- Music event planner
- Private studio instructor
- Licensed public school educator/manager
- Music organization administrator
- Performing artist
- Geographer



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MUSIC

Bachelor of Arts
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 Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,
 ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend convocation and register for classes Meet with your academic advisor to plan your musical studies Complete scholarship and financial aid application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declare your major/concentration Consider adding a minor or certificate in another field Check your Degree Progress Report and meet with your faculty advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with your faculty advisor to ensure program completion Complete your senior capstone project (recital, portfolio, etc.) Apply to graduate
Engage Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join an ensemble: choir, band, jazz combo, mariachi, etc. Speak with faculty about dept opportunities Attend 1 of our 100+ performances/events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively perform in Department performances Explore internship and study abroad opportunities Serve as a teaching or music event assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate course electives that bring both breadth and depth to your musical awareness Serve as a musical leader for your student colleagues
Prepare for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out on-campus and career-aligned jobs on Career Link Work with faculty to begin to develop a career pathway Build your early experience resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn one-on-one with faculty members about being a professional musician Attend C2 Hub career, mentoring, networking fairs/workshops/events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend alumni and campus-side networking events Ask faculty advisors to provide recommendations for graduate school and jobs

Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

Each year, the Department awards ~18 scholarships to outstanding students in each interest area.

Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Musical proficiency
- Dependability
- Creative thinking
- Clear communication
- Resilience under pressure

This major gives me the skills to:

- Make music creatively
- Share musical literacy with others
- Facilitate music events anywhere

What careers can I pursue?

- Performing artist
- Private studio instructor
- Music organization administrator
- Licensed public school educator
- Music event planner/manager

