

# Bachelor of Music

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW** The Bachelor of Music program emphasizes the development of skills, concepts, and sensitivities essential to the professional life of a musician. The applied music program has 3 separate tracks: instrumental, piano, or vocal. The programs are professional music degrees that are intended for students wishing to pursue careers as performers (as soloists and/or ensemble musicians) and teachers (especially at the college level), although other career options are possible.

**DEGREE OPTIONS** Bachelor of Music

**PROGRAM SIZE** Approximately 48 students are enrolled in the major.

**FACULTY** The Music Department includes 17 full-time faculty, many with doctoral degrees. All full-time faculty are engaged in teaching classes from the introductory to advanced levels.

**ACADEMIC PREPARATION** Intensive experiences in music study and performance are required in order to be eligible for consideration. Students are selected for admission by the music faculty through an audition/interview process.

## REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS AND COURSES FOR A MAJOR

<i>Instrumental Music</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>
<i>(82 credit hours total)</i>	
Applied Major	32 hrs.
Applied Minor	4 hrs.
MUS 1, 2, 3, 4	8 hrs.
MUS 5	3 hrs.
MUS 51, 52, 53, 54	8 hrs.
MUS 107	3 hrs.
MUS 111, 112	6 hrs.
MUS Ensemble	8 hrs.
MUS 81	3 hrs.
MUS 114	2 hrs.
MUS 161	2 hrs.
MUS 106 or 116 or 130	2 hrs.
MUS 181	1 hr.
Senior Recital	Credit

<i>Piano</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>
<i>(82 credit hours total)</i>	
Applied Major	32 hrs.
Applied Minor	4 hrs.
MUS 1, 2, 3, 4	8 hrs.

MUS 5	3 hrs.
MUS 51, 52, 53, 54	8 hrs.
MUS 107	3 hrs.
MUS 111, 112	6 hrs.
MUS Ensemble	8 hrs.
MUS 92	1 hr.
MUS 109, 110	4 hrs.
MUS 113	2 hrs.
MUS 161	2 hrs.
MUS 106, 116 or 130	2 hrs.
MUS 181	1 hr.
Senior Recital	Credit

<i>Vocal</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>
<i>(87 credit hours total)</i>	
Applied Major	31 hrs.
Applied Minor	4 hrs.
<i>(MUS 6, 7, 49, 50)</i>	
MUS 1, 2, 3, 4	8 hrs.
MUS 5	3 hrs.
MUS 51, 52, 53, 54	8 hrs.
MUS 107	3 hrs.
MUS 111, 112	6 hrs.
MUS Ensemble	8 hrs.
MUS 81	3 hrs.
MUS 75, 76	4 hrs.
MUS 163	2 hrs.
MUS 140	2 hrs.
MUS 154	2 hrs.
MUS Elective	3 hrs.
Senior Recital	Credit

## REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS AND COURSES OUTSIDE MAJOR

The Drake Curriculum, required of all undergraduates, is designed to help students meet personal and professional goals as they acquire fundamental knowledge and abilities in ten Areas of Inquiry, including communication, critical thinking, artistic experience, historical consciousness, information and technology literacy, international and multicultural experiences, scientific and quantitative literacy, values and ethics and engaged citizenship. Students work closely with their academic advisers to craft a program of study in general education that prepares students for civic and professional leadership.

The Drake Curriculum also requires first-year seminars, which foster development of critical thinking and written and oral communication skills through a topical focus; and a Senior Capstone, in which students demonstrate the capacity to bring information, skills and ideas to bear on one project.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES/INTERNSHIPS** Many pedagogical experiences are available teaching private students in the public schools, Drake University Community School of Music, or beginning students in methods classes.

**CAREER OPTIONS** For most students, an undergraduate degree is only the first step; graduate study will be required in almost every case. Drake has a proven success rate in placing students in performance degrees at nationally recognized institutions.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** Information about scholarships in the Music Department may be obtained in the Music Department office.

**ORGANIZATIONS** Bachelor of Music students participate intensively in the opportunities provided by the Music Department.

#### **NOTED ALUMNI**

- Larry Schipull, FA'79, associate professor, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA
- Kendall Crilly, FA'83, music librarian, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Michael Baitzer, FA'95, assistant opera coach, Julliard School of Music, New York, NY
- Greg Sojka, FA'97, singer, Seattle Opera, Seattle, WA

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