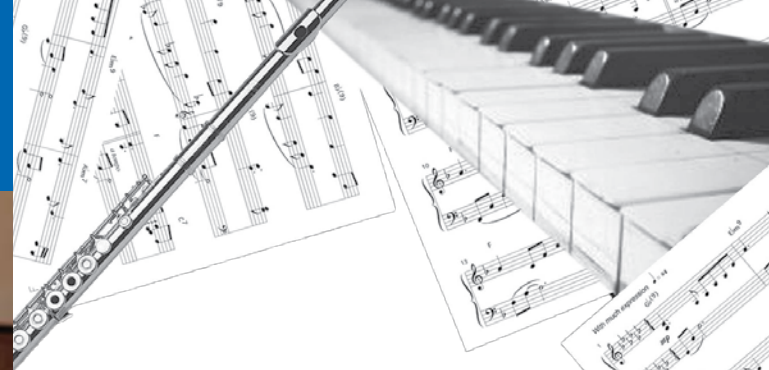




**Potter College of Arts & Letters**  
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

The Department of Music fosters unforgettable, life-changing music making, welcoming a community of musicians from across all disciplines.

– **Dr. Mitzi Groom, Head Department of Music**



The Department of Music has a reputation for training successful undergraduates as performers and teachers, and has earned the respect of school districts throughout Kentucky and of the National Association of Schools of Music, which has continuously granted the department accreditation since 1948. WKU graduates have gone on to graduate schools and conservatories, including Cincinnati Conservatory, Indiana University, Louisiana State University, Michigan State University, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Florida, University of South Carolina, and Northwestern University. Many are performing as professional musicians in classical orchestras, service bands, and popular media as well as teaching/conducting at all levels of public, private or church venues. The Department of Music at Western Kentucky University is a growing community of musicians. More than 70,000 alumni boast that “the spirit makes the master.”

Our goal is not simply one of education for the present, but one of lifelong learning for the future. Our low faculty-to-student ratio ensures that all students are receiving the special attention that is needed to be successful. Even with our music major population approaching 200, our low class size is the tipping point when choosing a college for its personal approach.

The Master Artist Series each year brings guest performers to WKU to teach and critique students on strings, voice, guitar, percussion, brass, and woodwinds. Workshop topics have included composition, steeldrums, Alexander Technique, practice room strategies, Dalcroze eurhythmics, musician injuries, successful breathing, and folk music with dulcimer.



**For more information**

WKU Department of Music  
[www.wku.edu/Music](http://www.wku.edu/Music)

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## Career Choices

**Bachelor of Music in Music Education** leads to certification for public schools grade P-12. The student may choose from three options: Integrated (general music, band, choir and orchestra certification), Vocal (general music and choral certification), or Instrumental (general music, band and orchestra certification).

**Bachelor of Music in Performance** provides preparation for either performance or studio teaching careers.

**Bachelor of Arts in Music** provides a strong liberal arts education with a major in music. Students may combine this degree with a second major or minor in another field, such as business, information technology, communications, foreign language, etc.

**Music Minor** offers students with a secondary interest in music to study in this field, while requiring a minimum of 24 semester hours.

**Master of Arts in Education with a Major in Music Education** enables the candidate to meet the requirements of P-12 certification mandated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The program offers a flexible schedule of education and music courses with Graduate Assistantships available to outstanding students.

## Faculty

The music faculty at WKU have been trained at some of the finest music institutions in the world: Juilliard School of Music, Florida State University, Indiana University, University of Illinois, National Conservatory of Buenos Aires, University of Michigan, University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, University of South Carolina, University of Notre Dame, Louisiana State University, University of Northern Colorado, Brandeis University, Rice University, Arizona State University and Michigan State University. They are nationally and internationally active as performers, conductors, composers, clinicians, professional organization officers and researchers. Our goal is to provide the best professional models possible for our students in every area of study. The faculty shapes the depth of student learning through public school outreach performances, rehearsal observation and teaching, and a university-led public school string program beginning in grade 4. University professors are also involved in teaching pre-college piano, violin, viola, cello string bass, and double-reed lessons. All of these flourishing activities add a richness to the value of the degree at Western Kentucky University.



## Becoming a Pro

There are many opportunities for students to network with new people and develop lifelong friendships. Extracurricular student groups are Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Delta Omicron, ACDA and CMENC. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is the largest music fraternity in the world and its members share a love of music that unites them as brothers with a common interest. Delta Omicron is also a professional fraternity dedicated to creating and fostering fellowship through music. American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) is the student chapter of the same name, a professional organization of choral directors from across the nation. Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (CMENC) is the student chapter of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC), a professional organization of all-level music educators from across America. These groups are wonderful opportunities for finding common interests, networking with a new group of people, and maintaining the professional conduct that is desirable in musicians at WKU.

We help our students transition to the real world through the Student Chamber Ensemble Music Entrepreneurship (SCEME) Project, where student-conducted, faculty-coached ensembles are organized and fulfill performance requirements that include departmental stipends.

## Auditions for Grants and Scholarships

Grants are offered to music majors based upon musical and academic performance, the needs of the Department's various ensembles and the student's musical ability. Auditions are held in October, January and February of each year for the following academic year. For audition requirements and application forms, go to [www.wku.edu/Music/scholarships.php](http://www.wku.edu/Music/scholarships.php).

## Sounds of Western

Both majors and non-majors find a home in the performing ensembles in the Department of Music. The variety of ensemble performance experience as an undergraduate is unequalled:

- Basketball Band
- Big Red Marching Band
- Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra
- Choral Society
- Chorale
- Clarinet Choir
- Concert Band
- Double Reed Ensemble
- Flute Choir
- Guitar Ensemble
- Horn Choir
- Jazz Band
- Men's Chorus
- RedShirts
- Opera Theatre
- Percussion Ensemble
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Steelband
- Symphonic Band
- TrebleMakers
- Trombone Choir
- Trumpet Ensemble
- Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble
- Wind Ensemble
- Women's Chorus
- Woodwind Ensemble