



Music

A major or minor in music offers students the opportunity to gain a wide variety of music experience in the following areas: music theory, analysis of world music, ensembles, private lessons and music appreciation. An audition is required for acceptance into the program as either a major or minor.

A Distinctive Program

The School of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and offers its students a six-to-one student-faculty ratio, a wide range of award-winning ensembles and a fully engaged and internationally active faculty. Scholarships are available to all students by audition.

Fast Facts

Number of faculty: 47

Can you minor in this program? Yes

Emphasis within the major: Ability to focus by instrument, ensemble

Degree Requirements:

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Academics and Research

Independent research

Through applied study each week with a studio professor, students have the opportunity to grow as a performer. They have the option, though not the requirement, of public performance in the weekly student recital hour. Students perform with the appropriate major ensemble for their instrument.

Facilities and opportunities

The School of Music is housed in Presser and McMahan halls and performances are generally presented in Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall. Music facilities include three large ensemble rehearsal halls, six classrooms, 32 practice rooms, 34 teaching studios and a Mac computer lab.

The music collection of scores, books, recordings and videos is housed in the arts wing of duPont-Ball Library. The six Beckerath organs owned by the university are housed in Lee Chapel (installed in 1961), Pittman Organ Studio and various rehearsal and practice spaces. Computerized voice lab equipment, also used in instrumental instruction, offers students immediate visual and aural feedback on many aspects of their singing, including pitch, volume, overtones and vowel accuracy.

The depth of performance experience available is diverse, including large ensembles, conducted small ensembles, chamber music and solo performance. All opportunities are open to students, regardless of major.

Awards and Recognition

Distinguished faculty

School of Music faculty members are performing artists with expertise in the fields of performance, music education, theory and composition and music technology. Students take lessons not with graduate assistants but with teachers who are performing artists on their instrument.

Undergraduate awards and honors

Each year, outstanding students are recognized in various ways:

- The Presser Scholarship Award, made possible through a gift from the Presser Foundation, is presented to the outstanding rising senior in the School of Music, chosen by the faculty.
- A visiting committee of adjudicators names a rising senior vocalist the Giffin Scholar. The Giffin Scholar performs at his/her Baccalaureate service.
- Each fall, a panel of guest adjudicators chooses as Concerto Competition Winners two upperclassmen; they perform with the University Symphony Orchestra.

Students can also join the international music fraternities Sigma Alpha Iota (women) and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (men).

Beyond the Classroom

Internships

Summer and academic-year internships are available in collaboration with the career development office and faculty mentors.

After Stetson

Diverse careers

A major or minor in music will help prepare students for community involvement in the performing arts. The growing of passion for and understanding of music is encouraged as students pursue other academic majors and interests.



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