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WHY MUSIC AT UVU

The quality of UVU's music programs is evident through the success of its students and the opportunities for mentoring by industry-experienced faculty. Here are just a few examples:

- Music education graduates have a 100% job placement rate.
- Performance majors are regularly accepted into top graduate schools throughout the United States including Boston Conservatory, Temple University, Michigan State University, and Indiana University.
- Faculty connections result in industry-based internship experiences, exposure, and professional skill development.
- A wide array of academic and talent-based scholarships are available for Utah residents and non-residents.
- The Noorda Center for the Performing Arts provides state-of-the-art practice, production, and performance facilities, including commercial music studios that rival professional studios.
- We are an all-Steinway School with 40 Steinway pianos available for student usage.
- Our faculty of seventy musicians and scholars are all nationally recognized artists and innovators.
- UVU music students regularly work with award-winning music professionals via performances and masterclasses. Previous professional guests include Pasek & Paul, Joshua Bell, Audra McDonald, and many more.



**“Music is life itself.”
—Louis Armstrong**

The experience of music students at UVU is rich, rewarding, and expands beyond the classroom. Our inclusive approach helps students explore and perform representative works from wide-ranging genres like soul, country, metal, pop, a capella, and traditional jazz. Chamber and large ensembles have authentically performed music from six continents, including west African drumming, Chinese Buddhist chant, and Argentinian wind band.

On top of our faculty's student-centered and engaged teaching practices, these exceptional musicians perform with Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, Ballet West, and are first-call commercial musicians for prominent studio and gig venues. Our students benefit from mentorship by these instructors, who offer them seasoned industry advice and training as well as networking opportunities. The study of music at UVU is a fulfilling and thrilling experience that prepares students for an array of professional opportunities and success.

GETTING STARTED

CHOOSE YOUR TRACK

Music is a diverse field with many areas of study and exciting career opportunities. A music degree can open doors to becoming a recording artist, performer, composer, songwriter, teacher, conductor, studio owner, booking agent, music therapist, and more.

There are five different bachelors degrees within the Department of Music, each with exciting career possibilities.

BACHELOR OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Music performance majors master their instruments and perform a wide range of music to prepare for careers as professional musicians. Through this program, you work one-on-one with artist faculty, develop entrepreneurial skills, and gain real-world experiences. Our graduates are prepared to either join the job market or advance towards a graduate degree.

COMMERCIAL MUSIC

The commercial music degree is for musicians who want to produce or compose film, television, and game scores or perform in commercial music styles and venues. Our expert faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, high-level training, real-world projects, and internship opportunities prepare you for professional studio and gig work.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MUSIC EDUCATION

The music education degree is for those with the desire to become a choral, instrumental, or general music teacher. Gain hands-on teaching experience, graduate with the necessary skills to earn your teaching license, and inspire future generations of musicians.

BACHELOR OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MUSIC

A Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree prepares students for professional music jobs and a range of other careers. Future doctors, lawyers, and business leaders often pursue music studies and find that it compliments their career aspirations. In addition to music classes, you can explore your passions with extensive electives while designing a degree that works for you.

MORE WAYS TO STUDY MUSIC AT UVU

- Music Minor
- Associate of Science
- Music Technology Certificate
- Piano Pedagogy Certificate
- Collaborative Piano Certificate

For more information, visit uvu.edu/music/degrees.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for musicians who perform in our ensembles and take private lessons. Students pursuing **any of UVU's majors are eligible for support. You do not need to be a music major to receive a scholarship.** Scholarship auditions take place early in February.

AUDITIONS

The Department of Music requires an audition for both entrance and scholarships. Auditions for both are held at the same time during January and February. You can audition in person or through an online submission with area coordinator approval. Details and repertoire suggestions are available at uvu.edu/music/apply.

STEPS TO APPLY:

1. Complete the UVU Admissions Application at uvu.edu/welcome.
2. Complete the UVU Application for Financial Aid by March 1: uvu.edu/financialaid/aid.
3. Complete the Scholarship/Entrance Audition Application on the Music Department website: uvu.edu/music/apply.
4. Perform a live audition or submit an online audition/portfolio

ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

Performing ensembles require a placement audition separate from an entrance/scholarship audition. These auditions take place at the start of each semester, so don't miss a chance to join!

Check uvu.edu/music/ensembles for schedule, location, and repertoire information.

AUDITIONED ENSEMBLES

Students pursuing all majors are encouraged to audition for these ensembles. Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester. Check uvu.edu/music/ensembles for specific information.

Instrumental

- Symphony Orchestra
- Chamber Orchestra
- Wind Symphony
- Jazz Orchestra
- Commercial Small Ensembles

Vocal

- Chamber Choir
- Deep Green (T/B Choir)
- Emerald Singers (S/A Choir)
- Opera Workshop

Open Enrollment Ensembles

Students of any major can enroll in these groups and participate without an audition. Once you sign up, you'll receive information from the director.

- Concert Choir
- University Band
- Pep Band

Private Lessons

Majors and non-majors can take private lessons with our faculty. We also offer beginning instruction for voice, piano, and guitar. For more information, visit: uvu.edu/music/students.



PERFORMING

UVU's student musicians study historical and contemporary repertoire and give inspired concerts. Our bands, choirs, orchestras, and small ensembles perform in the world-class Noorda Center for the Performing Arts. The 130,000-square-foot building includes an 889-seat concert hall, a 502-seat proscenium theater with an orchestra pit accommodating a forty-five-piece ensemble, a versatile black box theater, two dance studios with retractable seating, and an outdoor amphitheater.

The Noorda was built as five separate buildings, each with its own foundation, walls, and insulation to prevent noise transfer from one venue to the next. The building has seven performance venues, twenty-seven soundproof practice rooms, private teaching studios, a recording studio, five production suites, and dedicated computer and piano labs.



Sonic Exchange, commercial ensemble

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome from the Utah Valley University Department of Music! Our department is rapidly gaining a reputation for excellence in music performance and education in the Mountain West. Driving this growth is the spectacular Noorda Center for the Performing Arts which opened in 2019. Housing sleek, modern concert and recital halls, state-of-the-art recording studios, and technologically advanced classrooms, "The Noorda" is truly the place to realize your music dreams.

Our faculty are all leading performers and educators in Utah, notably performing with Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, and first-call musicians in the jazz, studio, and commercial genres. Our list of large ensembles includes two orchestras, four choirs, two opera productions, two concert bands, jazz band, and pep band. Small ensemble offerings include percussion ensemble, steel band, classical chamber groups, and multiple jazz, commercial, pop, and acapella combos. With all of this to offer, the Utah Valley University Music Department attracts top student musicians from around the country and abroad.

Our students, presently totaling 300 music majors, have the opportunity to choose from a variety of bachelor's degrees that include: Bachelor of Music in Performance, Commercial Music (composition and production), Bachelor of Science in Music Education, as well as the Bachelor of Science or Arts degrees in Music. Additionally, we offer a very popular minor in music and a certificate in music technology. For a complete listing of our degrees and more detailed information on each, please go to our degrees page. If you are going to be a UVU student but are not planning to major in music, we have opportunities for you as well.

Please consider continuing performing in our ensembles or taking our engaging general education courses. Music does not end after high school, and you are also eligible for our generous music scholarships! Please use the QR code on the back to connect with us online for a personalized experience, or contact our office at uvumusic@uvu.edu, and we will help you plan your visit. I can be contacted at the following email: MusicDepartmentChair@uvu.edu. Thank you for visiting us!

—DR. THOMAS KECK
Chair, Department of Music

MEET OUR FACULTY

Our exceptionally talented faculty possess many accomplishments and areas of expertise such as performing as leads in acclaimed opera companies, conducting international symphonies and choirs, publishing original research, producing albums, founding musical groups, and much, much more.

View faculty bios: uvu.edu/music/about/#staff.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"There is no better commercial music program in Utah if you're planning to make a living with music. The faculty, real-world opportunities, and students you interact with at UVU are among the best in the business. If I could go back and do it all over again, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

—JOSHUA LARSEN
Commercial Music Graduate

"I had real-world opportunities to gain unparalleled experience while at UVU. This set me apart as I applied for graduate studies in music. There is a real beating heart of compassion shared amongst the faculty, and it serves to create an environment where students can flourish and take risks. I consider myself lucky to be a UVU graduate."

—BEN PERRY
Music Performance Graduate

"The faculty at UVU are phenomenal. They take you from wherever you are in skill level and help you grow to become the best musician you can be. Coming to UVU to study music is one of the best decisions I've ever made!"

—VANESSA MELENA
Music Education Major



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