

# MUSIC

West Chester University's School of Music offers a wealth of programs and performance opportunities for music majors and for students in other programs. Exciting career options are available to you as a music major, including education at the elementary, secondary, and college levels, as well as many professional performance opportunities.

## Career Opportunities

A degree from the School of Music can lead to a career as a teacher (school, college, or studio), performer (classical and jazz), conductor, composer, and administrator of music programs. Graduates have found employment with the following:

Chicago Opera Company  
Colleges and universities  
Dusseldorf Opera  
Metropolitan Opera Company  
Philadelphia Orchestra  
Public and private schools  
Stan Kenton Orchestra  
U.S. Air Force's "Airmen of Note"  
Waverly Consort

An undergraduate degree also prepares you to pursue advanced study. Graduates of the School of Music have entered advanced degree programs at the following schools:

Catholic University  
Curtis Institute of Music  
Eastman School of Music  
Indiana University  
The Juilliard School  
Michigan State University  
New England Conservatory  
Peabody Conservatory  
University of Illinois  
University of Maryland  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Pennsylvania  
Yale University

## Undergraduate Degrees

**Bachelor of Music in Music Education.** This degree offers a comprehensive program that qualifies you for a Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate (vocal and instrumental) and is valid for teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

**Bachelor of Music in Performance.** This degree prepares you for a performing career as a soloist, accompanist, or studio teacher, and as preparation for advanced degrees and performance. You may select from concentrations in instrumental, jazz, keyboard, and vocal performance.

**Bachelor of Music in Theory/Composition.** This curriculum offers you extensive training in developing analytical skills leading to the comprehension of the structure and form of music of all styles and periods, and to develop compositional skills.

**Bachelor of Music – Elective Studies in an Outside Field.** This program is designed for those who desire a general music program while at the same time pursuing a secondary interest outside the School of Music such as business management or computer science.

## Minors

The School of Music offers minors in music, jazz studies, and music history.

## Certification Preparation in Music Therapy

Music majors may pursue course work through a cooperative program with Immaculata University, located ten miles from West Chester (tuition and fees separate).

## Special Study Opportunities

As a student, you will have many opportunities to perform and observe others performing in group and individual recitals, faculty concerts, operas, oratorios, and musicals. Additionally, you can participate in seasonal events such as the Annual Holiday Program and Jazz Week. Seminars in music history also are offered each summer at Oxford University, England.

Exceptional students can take courses developed especially for them through the honors program. Thirty-four scholarships, totalling more than \$30,000, are offered each year by the School of Music.

## Related Student Activities

Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Pi Kappa Lambda (the only national music honor society), Sigma Alpha Iota, and Tau Beta Sigma are professional service fraternities/sororities available to our music majors.

The University has more than 20 music organizations, including the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Cantari Donne, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, and Masters-

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ingers Chorus. Instrumental organizations include a symphony orchestra, wind ensemble, marching band, symphonic band, concert band, two jazz ensembles, and many small chamber ensembles.

## Facilities

The Swope Music Building and the Performing Arts Center opened in January 2007. The three-story, lyrically shaped Swope Music Building houses classrooms, state-of-the-art music laboratories, faculty offices, practice rooms, art gallery, and a 120-seat recital hall. Also included in this wing is the Presser Music Library, containing the University's collection of scores, sound recordings, music books, periodicals, and microforms. The music library offers many services, including reference and reserves, and features the latest equipment for listening to sound recordings in analog and digital formats. The other building wing features a 375-seat proscenium performance hall, reception gallery, and support services. The new facility is adjacent to the two theaters in the E. O. Bull Center for Art and Theatre, thereby creating the region's premier cultural arts venue.

## Faculty

As a student, you will receive individual attention from more than 55 faculty, all of whom are recognized for their performing, composing, and teaching abilities. Many faculty members also perform, lecture, and judge competitions regularly, both on campus and in cities such as Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, and New York. Members of the music faculty have distinguished themselves by receiving awards from such organizations as the Danforth Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and by winning Fulbright and Guggenheim fellowships. You can obtain a complete listing of faculty and their academic qualifications by visiting our website at [www.wcupa.edu/cvpa/](http://www.wcupa.edu/cvpa/).

## Advanced Degrees

Master of Music in Music Education  
Master of Music in Music History  
Master of Music in Music Theory/Composition  
Master of Music in Performance  
Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy

## For More Information

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Undergraduate Catalog: [http://www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/)

## About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

## Information on Admission

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