

MAJOR IN MUSIC (B.A.)

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The Bachelor of Arts in Music (B.A.) allows students to study music within the larger context of a liberal arts education. In comparison to the curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Music (B.M.), less emphasis is placed on studies specifically in music, with greater flexibility for studies in a field outside of the required music core curriculum. Instead of more music credits as required for the B.M., the B.A. student can choose at least 21 credits in one or more areas outside the music core. In addition, the completion of a capstone experience is required during the senior year.

The B.A. in Music provides flexibility for students wishing to double-major in music and another discipline.

B.A. in Music Tracks

- **Studio Track:** This track includes primary instrument/voice lessons. Acceptance into an applied studio (e.g. flute, violin, voice, etc.) is necessary if a student will engage in primary instrument/voice lessons for elective credits. This track requires a playing audition before entrance.
- **No Studio Track:** This track does NOT include primary instrument/voice lessons, and the degree does not require enrollment in an applied studio. Students do not need to complete a playing audition, but an interview with music faculty is required before entrance.

Audition requirements for each track are listed below.

Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse musical cultures, including historical eras, genres, and literature.
2. Identify and work conceptually with elements of music such as rhythm, melody, harmony, structure, timbre, and texture.
3. Analyze, research, compose, improvise, and/or perform in multiple musical styles.
4. Develop critical thinking skills and demonstrate a synthesis of knowledge and/or skills in one or more areas of music.

Music Auditions

Prospective CSU Students: In addition to applying to CSU through the Office of Admissions, students applying to the B.A. in Music are required to audition and/or interview with music faculty members. Students may elect to audition for the "Studio Track" (i.e., flute, voice, guitar, etc.) or interview for the "No Studio Track" within the degree. Students auditioning for the applied "Studio Track" must complete the performance audition for their instrument/voice. The music faculty will interview students opting for the "No Studio Track" to discuss musical experiences and long-term goals within the degree program. Please visit the music website for Music Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply/>).

Current CSU Students: To change your major to music, you may call the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at (970) 491-5891 or email smted@colostate.edu (cla_advising@colostate.edu). Current CSU

students must complete the audition and interview process outlined in the above paragraph for prospective students and be accepted to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance before contacting the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center. Please visit the music website for Music Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply/>).

Join an Ensemble: Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs are open to all CSU students. Ensemble audition excerpts and instructions are available at Ensemble Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/auditions/>) (some ensembles do not require an audition).

Music Program Fee

A music program fee is assessed with Undergraduate and graduate music and musical theatre majors and music minors, per semester. Does not apply to the following students: online degree students and summers-only master's degree students. [Please visit the](#) Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President (<https://provost.colostate.edu/student-resources/>) [for special course fees.](#)