



MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY MUSIC

YOUR COURSES

MUSIC CORE REQUIREMENTS

Seminar

Music Theory I

Music Theory II

Music Theory III

Music Theory IV

Vocal Techniques

or Piano Literature & Pedagogy

Counterpoint

Form & Analysis

Music History I: Medieval Times to
Classical Period

Music History II: Romantic Period to Present

Applied Music Lessons (8 Semesters)

OVERVIEW

If you're enchanted by and love music, MMU's **music program** builds the skills and confidence to succeed in whatever role you choose.

Interested in performing professionally, pursuing a music-related career, or planning to continue studies in graduate school? As a music major you'll choose either a **performance** or **music history** concentration. In collaboration with the education department, you can also study **music education**. Or, combine your passions for music and business with our **music administration** track.

Experienced professors work with you to design a program which suits your needs. Beyond gaining a **comprehensive music background**, specialized courses allow you to explore applied vocals or instrumental composition and liturgical music.

In addition, through practice and study, you'll develop important **time management** and **performance skills**, gain valuable **collaborative skills**, and strengthen your **communications abilities** for listening and interpreting others—applicable to all job requirements.

FAST FACTS

- **Music Scholarships** are available for students with a passion for the arts.
- Private vocal, piano, and instrumental **lessons** are available to all students—taught by highly respected faculty who work as vocalists and musicians.
- A variety of **bands** and **choirs** are available for students to take part in, where you'll practice and hone skills.
- Mount Mercy is home to Stello Performance Hall, which hosts a **Steinway Grand Piano** and fantastic acoustics for vocal practice.
- Music is also available as a minor.

96%

— **employment rate** —

96% of alumni are employed or in graduate school within nine months of graduation.

80%

— **internship rate** —

80% of students participate in internships or other career-related experiences before they graduate.



"I grew up around music, but I came to Mount Mercy not knowing for sure that I wanted to do music. I get to spend most of my days with music, and that time has fostered my growth and enjoyment. Now I'm positive this is what I want to do."

— *Hillary Kaefring*

Majors: Music, Education

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MUSIC DEGREE?

Graduates in music have embarked on careers in arts management, in non-profit organizations, and as entrepreneurs. Alumni have found jobs nationally and locally at companies like the Cedar Rapids School District, Iowa City Community School District, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Four Oaks, and various performing arts organizations.

Some **popular career choices** include:

- Coordinator of Music Liturgy
- Music Company Division Manager
- Music Teachers
- Vocal Music Teachers
- Graduate Students
- Choral Director
- Composer
- Private Studio Instructor
- Instrumental Instructor
- Lyricist
- Music Store Owner
- Performer
- Recording Artist
- Music Therapist
- Sound Design
- Vocal Coach
- Talent Scout
- Band Director
- Accompanist
- Audio Producer



INTERNSHIPS & EXPERIENCE

On the Hill, it's easier to reach for the stars.

Whether you sing or play an instrument, there's something here for everyone. Mount Mercy University offers numerous ensembles for students to participate in including:

- University Choir
- Show Choir
- Madrigal Singers
- Jazz Connection
- University Concert Band
- Jazz Band and Pep Band
- Liturgical Singers
- Private Lessons

Mount Mercy also offers opportunities to partake in a variety of festivals, workshops, and continuing education programs.

Mount Mercy's music professors have a multitude of **networking connections**, allowing them to work one on one with students for **internship** placements. Past opportunities include Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Orchestra Iowa, and music programs around the state.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Music majors must maintain a 2.60 cumulative average in all music courses and are required to pass a piano proficiency examination in their senior year.
- Students with piano as their major concentration are required to take MU 315 Piano Literature & Pedagogy; those with voice as their major concentration are required to take MU 257 Vocal Techniques.



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