

Music



MESSIAH
COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



The Music Major

As a music major, you'll gain the technical and expressive ability needed for advanced performance. You'll find plenty of opportunities to participate in both solo and ensemble settings, culminating in your senior recital. In order to lead others in performance, you'll also develop intermediate-level skills in conducting and rehearsal direction. Theoretical and historical studies will enhance your performance. You'll analyze music both visually and aurally, and compose pieces that illustrate a variety of styles and forms. And you'll also gain the skills necessary to research and explain the historical and cultural setting of individual composers and specific musical works.

Curriculum

Credit hours shown in parentheses.

Music Major (57 credits)

Music Theory I (3)
Music Theory II (3)
Sight Singing and Ear Training I (1)
Sight Singing and Ear Training II (1)
Keyboard I, II (1, 1)
Voice Class (1)
Music Theory III (3)
Music Theory IV (3)
Sight Singing and Ear Training III (1)
History of Music I (2)
History of Music II (3)
History of Music III (3)
Studies in Ethnic Music (2)
Conducting I (2)
Senior Seminar (1)
Applied Major (APM) (8)
Music Ensembles (ENS) (6)
Piano Proficiency Exam
Senior Recital (solo or joint)
Twelve additional credits of APM or MUS electives, or one of the following concentrations:

1) Church Music

Three additional credits of the Applied Major
Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs (3)

One of the following:

Church Music Administration (3)
Practicum in Church Music (1–2)

Three to five credits MUS Electives

Students in Church Music are encouraged to investigate the Contemporary Christian Music Program at Martha's Vineyard (www.bestsemester.com). Credits taken during the one semester program at Martha's Vineyard can be transferred for credit into the Messiah College program.

2) Performance

Eight additional credits of Applied Major
Music Electives (4)

3) Commercial Music

Music Business (3)
Electronic Music and MIDI (3)

The following courses taken at Temple University:

Audio Engineering (2)
Improvisation: Theory and Practice I, II (2, 2)
Students in Commercial Music are encouraged to investigate the Contemporary Christian Music Program at Martha's Vineyard (www.bestsemester.com). Credits taken during the one semester program at Martha's Vineyard can be transferred for credit into the Messiah College program.

4) Composition

Composition (8)
Electronic Music and MIDI (3)
Music Electives (1)

After Graduation

As a Messiah College graduate, you'll be equipped to enter a career in music, exhibiting both creativity and leadership.

The B.S. in music education prepares students for the specific career of teaching vocal and instrumental music in grades K–12. The B.A. in music prepares students for careers in church music, private teaching, performance, or other music-related careers. Both programs provide an excellent foundation for further study in graduate school.

The B.A. in Music

In the music degree program, you'll choose general music, or one of four concentrations: performance, church music, composition, and commercial music.

In the performance concentration, you'll develop your performance skills through intensive practice and lessons. You'll also learn to teach your instrument, often by instructing beginning students, and study the history of your instrument.

Church music will equip you for work in the church through the study of church music history and administration. You'll gain experience through involvement in chapel music at Messiah College and participate in music programs at local churches.

Composition students study both composition and a performance area. Many of their works are performed, culminating in a recital of their own compositions. They also learn to create music with electronic instruments.

With a commercial music concentration, you'll learn the technology of MIDI and studio recording, and the skills of jazz and pop improvisation for your instrument. All four concentrations combine music studies with a minor in another field, allowing greater flexibility in career preparation.

Although majors and course requirements may change from time to time, as stated in the College catalog, the preceding information is correct according to the 2005–2006 Catalog.



“The outstanding techniques that Linda Tedford [director of cultural activities] taught and her superb philosophies in both life and music guided me beyond my personal and performance insecurities. The outcome was more than I could have hoped for, but I still feel that it is a greater tribute to her superior teaching than to my own efforts. She was the first great influence on my life.”

—Nate Zullinger
Messiah College Graduate

“I've had so many performance experiences both on campus and off that I can't count them all. Best of all is the individual attention from faculty that students receive constantly.”

—Chris Wenger
Messiah College Graduate



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The Department of Music

The Department of Music offers you two majors and two minors:

Majors:

Music
Music Education

Minors:

General Music
Church Music

Our Program

The pursuit of a music degree from Messiah College is filled with opportunities to study and perform.

The Department of Music offers rigorous programs in music education, performance, church music, commercial music, and composition. You will work with an established group of artist faculty who will serve as mentors as you perfect your own musical and technical skills.

As you develop into an outstanding musician, you will be prepared to enter the music field in a variety of specialized areas. Comprehensive study of music history and theory will serve as the foundation for your growth. You will gain experience as a soloist but also will be involved in performing and recording with College ensembles that have achieved national and international reputations for their work and excellence.

Join us and become one of the many successful teachers, performers, conductors, composers, or church musicians that began their careers at Messiah College.

Our Faculty

All of our department faculty are highly qualified and technically proficient in a wide range of instruments.

Performers in their own right, our professors bring a wealth of experience to their teaching, and are caring, committed Christians who want to see their students grow and mature academically, spiritually, and personally. They will work with you to develop all of your skills, as performers, teachers, and ministers through music.

The Facilities

Climenhaga Fine Arts Center, home to the Department of Music, gives you access to the 400-seat Miller Auditorium, the 150-seat Poorman Recital Hall (also used for choral rehearsals), a large instrumental rehearsal hall, and ample practice room space.

Messiah College offers extensive facilities, including a recording studio, a laboratory for computer-assisted instruction, a MIDI synthesizer lab, and an electric piano lab. Instruments available for students' use include a large pipe organ located in Hostetter Chapel, several grand pianos (including the nine-foot Steinway D in Poorman Recital Hall), a French double harpsichord, and approximately 150 band and orchestra instruments.

Our Performance

As a music major at Messiah College, there are many options for getting involved in performance. Several large ensembles and a number of smaller groups are open to audition:

Large Vocal Ensembles

Concert Choir
Choral Arts Society
Women's Ensemble
Men's Ensemble

Large Instrumental Ensembles

College Orchestra
Symphonic Winds
Wind Ensemble
Chamber Winds

Small Vocal Ensembles

Chamber Singers
Jazz Singers
Messiah College Singers

Other Instrumental Ensembles

Jazz Ensembles
Brass Choir
Brass Quintet
Trumpet Ensemble
Flute Choir
Chamber Ensembles
Concert Handbell Choir
Percussion Ensemble
Recorder Consort
String Chamber Ensemble
Guitar Ensemble

About Messiah

A Messiah College education will challenge your intellect, shape your character, and press you to examine your faith.

A private, four-year Christian college, Messiah College offers you a world of opportunities.

You'll share your college experience with other inquisitive students, learning together from professors who are deeply involved in teaching and the emerging scholarship of their fields.

Your college endeavors may include everything from debating in the classroom to researching with the latest lab equipment, from pushing yourself on the athletic field to lifting your voice with a music ensemble, from caving during an Outdoors Club trip to soaring in the skies with the Flying Club, from sharing experiences in your residence hall to serving in towns nearby, cities nationwide, or locations around the world.

And when you graduate, you'll join our nearly 18,000 alumni who are changing the world in every field imaginable. Our alumni are shaping policy in Washington, D.C., reporting on world events, practicing accounting with top firms, and completing graduate degrees at places like Oxford, Yale, Duke, and Harvard. They're working in inner cities and serving with ministries both in the United States and abroad.

Messiah College does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

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