The Bachelor of Arts in Music: Liberal Arts (Commercial Music) is a liberal arts degree focused on jazz and commercial music with a breadth of general studies in English, math, humanities, natural sciences, history, social and behavioral sciences and fine arts. Combined with courses in music business, music theory, contemporary music history and literature, commercial ensembles and applied studies, this curriculum provides a strong foundation as well as courses specifically tailored to jazz and commercial music.

The Minor in Instrumental Music offers students in other majors the opportunity to stay involved with music in college, gaining experience and skills in music lessons, ensembles, and academics. The minor includes three years of ensembles and lessons on an applied instrument; academic courses in music theory, appreciation, and literature; as well as an upper division elective.

The Vocal Music Minor provides training and performance opportunities for students seeking music development in voice as their secondary area of study. Fundamental studies in piano, music reading and theory, two years of voice lessons, three years of performing in choral ensembles, studies in diction and conducting, and performance training in opera scenes comprise this minor. Audition for acceptance into the Vocal Minor is required.

The Jazz Studies Music Minor provides the opportunity for students to obtain a comprehensive set of fundamental skills in the jazz area, including large-ensemble performance, small-group performance, improvisation, composition and arranging, history and literature, and private instruction. Music majors who add this minor will broaden their skill set and marketability beyond the classical music area, and non-music majors may add this minor as a secondary area of study. Entrance to the Jazz Studies Music Minor requires an audition and prior jazz experience.

Special Requirements
Students seeking admittance as a music major or minor must pass a performance audition, a music theory placement exam, and a piano proficiency assessment. Admission to Colorado Mesa University does not guarantee admission into a music degree program. Prospective music majors should consult the Department of Music’s website or contact the Department of Music for information about audition material and scheduling an audition with the faculty in their area of interest. Following the audition, students will be notified of audition results.

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Programs of Study
Bachelor’s/Minors

- Education: Music Education K-12 (BME)
- Music Performance: Instrumental (BM)
- Music Performance: Keyboard (BM)
- Music Performance: Vocal (BM)
- Music with Elective Studies in Business (BM)
- Music: Commercial Music (BA)
- Music: Instrumental (Minor)
- Music: Jazz Studies (Minor)
• Music: Liberal Arts (BA)
• Music: Vocal (Minor)