The Bachelor of Arts in Music is a liberal arts degree 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 theory, music history and literature, ensembles and applied studies, this curriculum provides a strong foundation that when innovatively integrated with 25 course credits of the student's choosing, allows the flexibility to creatively design a personalized degree program. Students in this major have the ability to create a curriculum tailored to their strengths and career interests that can focus on traditional music, contemporary-commercial music, their own musical compositions or an interdisciplinary program of study, designed by the student.

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 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, 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 minor requires an audition and prior jazz experience.

**Special Requirements**

Students seeking admittance as a music major 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 music department website or contact the music department for information about audition material and scheduling an audition with the faculty in their area of interest.

Following the audition, students will be notified by letter regarding audition results. Students admitted as new music majors will be assigned an advisor and should plan to attend an orientation, registration and advising session. If the advisor is unavailable, students should contact the Department Head of Music.

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Programs of Study
Bachelors/Minors

- Education: Music Education K-12 (BME) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-education-k-12-bme)
- Jazz Studies (Minor) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/jazz-studies-minor)
- Liberal Arts, Music (BA) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/liberal-arts-music-ba)
- Music - Instrumental (Minor) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-instrumental-minor)
- Music - Vocal (Minor) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-vocal-minor)
- Music Performance - Instrumental (BM) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-performance-instrumental-bm)
- Music Performance - Keyboard (BM) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-performance-keyboard-bm)
- Music Performance - Vocal (BM) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-performance-vocal-bm)
- Music with Elective Studies in Business (BM) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/music/music-elective-studies-business-bm)