Why Study Music at UMD?

The UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND School of Music provides real-world training while emphasizing the importance of the combined scholar, performer, educator and arts advocate. As part of a large research institution, we offer all students the opportunity to study music and perform in ensembles including chamber music, choir, orchestra, band, jazz and Asian music. Our location near the nation’s capital provides students with performing and cultural opportunities in the surrounding Washington, D.C. and Baltimore metropolitan areas. Our graduates enter the professional world with command of their art form, prepared to build a career in the arts.

MUSIC CURRICULUM

The undergraduate major was designed to prepare you for the professional world of music through a curriculum that balances the rigors of a robust musical education along with opportunities to study across the broad spectrum of academic fields housed in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU). The School of Music offers the following undergraduate programs: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.), music performance minor and music and culture minor. The college offers an arts leadership minor. The B.A. is a flexible music major designed for students who desire advanced musical training alongside a liberal arts experience or a second major in another field. The B.M. is for students who desire a professional and career-focused education in music. The B.M.E. is for students who desire to embark on a career in K-12 music education. Many students pursue a dual B.M./B.M.E.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- Popular Music in Black America
- World Popular Musics and Identity
- Technology and a Career in Music
- Financial Entrepreneurship for Arts Leaders
- Music Ensembles including chamber music, choir, orchestra, band, jazz and Mighty Sound of Maryland Marching Band
MUSIC DEGREES IN ACTION

92% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, teaching, interning or pursuing graduate studies. Here’s where some of our music graduates are working or studying:

- Richmond Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Nashville Symphony, Air Force Band, Navy Band and President’s Own Marine Band; Instrumentalist
- Metropolitan Opera, Minnesota Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Theater an der Wien, Washington National Opera; Vocalist
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra OrchKids, Program Assistant
- Prince George’s County Public Schools, Music Teacher
- The Juilliard School, Music
- University of Texas at Austin, Voice Professor

CAMILLE JONES ’20
Bachelor of Music, Violin
“My time at UMD expanded my perspective as an artist and how I can truly be impactful with my craft. I applaud UMD for the innovative projects it has cultivated. I’m also grateful for the exposure and support they have given me, even after I graduated!”

Learn more at music.umd.edu/voices-unheard.

TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It’s never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU. We’ll work with you to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to help find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic and career advisors will work with you to incorporate internships and professional musical opportunities, living-learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Learn more at careers.umd.edu.

BE WORLDWISE. GET WORLDREADY. CAREER INITIATIVE

The “Be Worldwise. Get Worldready.” initiative prepares students to adapt and thrive in the workplace and shapes the kind of global citizens they can become. It creatively integrates career development in the ARHU academic experience by offering strategic career preparation and academic advising; engages faculty to develop new and reimagined courses, majors and minors; and provides opportunities to apply scholarship to practice. Students learn to communicate the real-world value of their arts and humanities degree through this initiative.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 79 bachelor’s degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With an 8 to 1 student to faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation’s capital.