Western Illinois University

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SCHOOL OF MUSIC PILLARS

The Western Illinois University School of Music is committed to connecting with each student to discover their purpose and realize their potential. The School of Music's four pillars - Passion, Purpose, Commitment, and Connection - are the foundation upon which we build our identity.

PASSION

The School of Music provides a diverse faculty of musician-teachers who, through dedication to excellence, sound pedagogy, and effective communication skills, present models that inspire students to achieve their full potential.

PURPOSE

Students develop the tools of self-discipline, creative expression, analysis, problem-solving, entrepreneurship, and communication for success in their chosen life's work, in or out of the field of music.

COMMITMENT

The School of Music is committed to developing career ready, artistically expressive and technically proficient undergraduate and graduate musicians from both traditional and underrepresented student populations.

CONNECTION

A favorable student-teacher ratio affords faculty and students the opportunity to establish a close working relationship and share the joy of musical expression with the student, University, community, and regional populations.

MAY YOU NEVER WALK ALONE

Since 1982, Dale Hopper, then Director of the Marching Leathernecks, created a tradition which stands in the School of Music to this day.

Following each performance, the Marching Leathernecks "circle-up" and perform *You'll Never Walk Alone*, which strengthens the band's commitment to each other as individuals and bonds the ensemble as a true musical family.

Though this tradition originated in the Marching Leathernecks, its spirit permeates the School of Music. Students are members of a community which will ensure they "never walk alone," far beyond the walls of the School of Music.

"Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart,
and *you'll never walk alone*."

- Rodgers and Hammerstein
from their 1945 musical *Carousel*

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Music Business

- Study the many options to combine your love of music while building a career
- Discover hands-on training in live streaming, audio recording, and sound production
- Immerse yourself in industry-wide internships

MUSIC MINOR AVAILABLE

wiu.edu/musicbusiness

Music Therapy

- Study the latest clinical approaches to prepare for healthcare, education, and community settings
- Develop your skills through study of music, research, clinical training, and fieldwork
- Engage with community practicum placements throughout coursework

wiu.edu/musictherapy

Music Education

- Study the latest trends in education to prepare for a K-12 band, orchestra, choir, or general music educator position
- Develop your artistry as a role model for your future students
- Focus on coursework and practical teaching experiences in a caring community

wiu.edu/musiceducation

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Performance

- Study Music History, Theory, Piano, Conducting, and Music electives
- Perform in ensembles, take lessons, and perform a half junior and full senior recital
- Focus on development of individual musicianship and performance skills

wiu.edu/musicperformance

Composition

- Study Music Theory through coursework in analysis, counterpoint, and post-tonal theory
- Study Music Composition through private lessons and coursework in orchestration and electroacoustic music

wiu.edu/musiccomposition

Jazz Studies

- Study Jazz Improvisation, History, Theory, Piano, Arranging, and Pedagogy
- Perform in ensembles, take lessons, and perform a half junior and full senior recital

MUSIC MINOR AVAILABLE

wiu.edu/jazz

MASTER OF MUSIC

Composition

- Study Music Theory through advanced coursework in analysis and post-tonal theory
- Study Music Composition through private lessons and additional coursework

wiu.edu/musiccomposition

Music Education

- **100% online**
- Can be completed in 2 years, including summers
- Designed for current K-12 teachers
- No GRE or audition required

wiu.edu/online/music

Conducting

Choral and Instrumental

- Gain significant podium time with flagship ensembles
- Receive individual attention through private instruction
- Focus on conducting, pedagogy, musicianship, and scholarship

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

Musicology

- Study aesthetics, historiography, current musicology, and repertoire
- Create a large work of independent research
- Prepare for further study at the doctoral level

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Jazz Studies

- Tracks of study available in jazz performance or composition
- Highly adaptable degree tailored to individual goals

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

wiu.edu/jazz

Performance

Instrumental, Vocal, Piano

- Focus on development of individual musicianship and performance skills
- Gain experience in the fields of pedagogy and literature

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

Piano Pedagogy

- Prepares students for professional careers in piano instruction, or for further study at the doctoral level

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

wiu.edu/piano

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Music Performance

- Piano
- Voice
- Woodwinds
- Brass
- Percussion
- Strings

FEATURED ENSEMBLES

BAND

- Wind Ensemble
- Concert Band
- University Band
- Marching Leathernecks

- University Singers
- Chamber Singers (Contemporary/Classical)
- Opera Workshop
- Concert Choir

CHOIR

JAZZ

- Jazz Studio Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Jazz Combos
- Guitar Ensembles

- Symphony Orchestra

ORCHESTRA

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

$10 million in scholarships are awarded each year at Western Illinois University.

WIU scholarship programs represent a strong tradition of helping WIU students and are continually growing with new scholarships established every year.

More information about scholarships offered to freshmen and transfer students at WIU is accessible via the link below.

wiu.edu/scholarships

SCHOOL OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Talent-based scholarships are awarded from the School of Music and are earned by audition.

All students, regardless of major, are eligible by audition to be considered for scholarships.

Endowed music scholarships are available to students who fit the criteria stipulated by the benefactor. More information about available music scholarships is accessible via the link below.

wiu.edu/musicscholarships

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate assistantships in the School of Music are awarded on a competitive basis, and each has a defined set of duties and an assigned faculty supervisor.

Assistantships provide students with a full tuition waiver and a monthly stipend in return for 13-20 hours per week of work.

More information about currently available graduate assistantships is accessible via the link below.

wiu.edu/music/graduate

APPLY AND AUDITION

1 Apply to WIU

It is recommended that you apply before your audition, as you need to be accepted by the University before you can accept scholarships or register for classes.

wiu.edu/apply

2 Apply to the School of Music

Once you are accepted to the University as a Music major, you need to apply for your chosen music degree program and schedule an audition.

wiu.edu/music/apply

3 Audition for the School of Music

Live Audition Options

- Audition Days
- Individual Date

Video Audition Options

- Online Submission

4 Accept Offer

Students are notified of their audition results within two weeks of their audition. Scholarship award offers are typically sent in March. If students receive an offer, they must respond with their acceptance by the stated deadline.

AUDITION DATES

Macomb Campus

If you are unable to attend any of the audition dates, schedule an individual date or submit a video audition.

VISIT THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

CAMPUS VISIT OPTIONS

Enjoy a customized visit to the School of Music tailored to your interests, including:

- Meet with faculty in your major
- Take a lesson on your primary instrument
- Observe classes
- Sit in on ensemble rehearsals
- Take a campus tour
- Attend a free evening performance

wiu.edu/music/visit

SAMPLE CAMPUS VISIT SCHEDULE

Music Education major; Tuba primary, Jazz Bass secondary

8:30AM	Meeting with Recruitment Coordinator
9:00AM	Observe Music Education class
10:00AM	Lesson with Applied Professor
11:00AM	Lunch
12:00PM	Jazz Studio Orchestra Rehearsal
1:00PM	Meeting with Music Education Professor
2:00PM	Campus Tour
3:00PM	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal

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