

Music

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 3- or 4-Year, Music

Honours B.A., Music

Honours B.A., Music, Arts and Business, Regular or Co-op

Joint Honours with Music

Minor in Music

Church Music and Worship Specialization/Minor/Option/Diploma

Your music studies at Waterloo will be distinct in that the focus is not only on developing your musical skills, but also on helping you understand your musical experiences. The emphasis of the program at the University of Waterloo is the study of music history, theory, and performance within the broad cultural framework provided by humanities and social science courses. Because of this broad emphasis, courses ranging from symphonic music to jazz and courses exploring the relationship between popular music and culture are also offered. Furthermore, you may wish to study the relationship between music and other disciplines. For instance, encounters between music, computers and the internet are examined in Music and Technology, while music's relation to psychology is explored in Psychology of Music.

The Music program is administered for the Faculty of Arts by Conrad Grebel University College situated in one of the most beautiful locations on the uWaterloo campus. In the Music program you will be given personal attention. We are a comfortable small program, and normally have about fifty music majors who study with four full-time faculty members and a number of part-time instrumental instructors and lecturers.

Since performance is an important part of the Music program, music majors and minors may take individual instruction in piano, organ, voice, orchestral instruments, classical guitar, saxophone, and percussion through Music Studio courses. You may also participate in repertoire classes and student recitals, and will be involved in larger performing groups. In order to complete either the General or Honours program, you must achieve competence in an instrument or voice equal to Grade 10 standing at the Royal Conservatory of Music. In the Honours Program, you may choose to give a fourth-year graduating recital.

Our Music program is unusually flexible. Music at Waterloo is attractive not only for those students who wish to concentrate exclusively on music, but also for students who wish to pursue a second discipline of interest. For example, you may select a Joint Honours program in Music and Psychology, Mathematics, Geography, French, or some other discipline. The Music Minor is another flexible option permitting concentration in Music for students pursuing Honours programs in Arts, Math, Science, or in other areas of the University.

Courses in the Major

Understanding Music

Fundamentals of Music Theory

Music Theory

Popular Music and Culture

Music Ensemble - 3 Choirs and Stage Band, Chamber
& Instrumental Ensembles, Vocal Techniques

Conducting

Music Studio

Psychology of Music

Introduction to Jazz

World Music

Soundtracks: Music in Film

Cathedral and Court: Music to 1600

Monteverdi to Mozart: Music from 1600 to 1800

The Romantic Century: Beethoven and Beyond

Music Since 1900

The Symphony

Opera

Music and Technology

Aesthetics of Music

Women, Music and Gender

Music and Culture Travel Course

Art Song

Piano Literature

Christian Hymnody

Worship and Music

Composition Seminar

Directed Study in Music

Special Topics in Music

Senior Honours Seminar

Music Living-Learning Community

Music students have an opportunity to apply for a Living/Learning experience through Conrad Grebel University College. This program offers academic mentoring and social events facilitated by upper-year peer leaders and professors.

Careers

Here is a small sample of positions held by graduates who majored in Music:

Aboriginal Rights Coalition

Artistic Director

Assistant Marketing Accountant, *CPC(UK)Ltd.*

Composer

Audition for Studio Courses

The Music Department requires an audition (two pieces of a contrasting nature and sight-reading) and an interview with the music faculty for admission to the first year Music Studio. This is a recommended first year course for most prospective majors. Auditions and interviews are held at the beginning of each term.

Note: You do not need to pass an audition before being accepted to the University of Waterloo. The audition for Music Studio and your acceptance to the University are two separate procedures. However, we encourage you to audition in the late Winter.

Contact the Music Department to arrange for an audition date and time: 519-885-0220 ext. 24226 or music@uwaterloo.ca.

Music Scholarships

Incoming first-year Arts students may apply and audition for an entrance award. Music entrance award auditions are held in the late winter. Beyond first year, students are eligible for a continuing scholarship, which is awarded automatically by the Music Department without the need for students to apply.

Related Activities

The Music Program provides opportunities to perform in the University Choir, Chamber Choir, Chapel Choir, Stage Band, and Instrumental Chamber Ensembles. Each of these ensembles gives several performances at the University for the community during the academic year. Auditions for all ensembles are held at the beginning of each term. Free noon-hour recitals that feature both local and international soloists and chamber ensembles are also offered. In addition, students are encouraged to attend performances by a variety of choral and instrumental ensembles in the Kitchener-Waterloo area as well as those offered through the University of Waterloo.

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Music students may pursue co-operative education through:

- 1. Arts and Business Co-op** - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

Careers (cont'd)

- Elementary and Secondary Teachers
- Fund Raiser
- Master's and Ph.D. Studies
- Ministry
- Music Store Owner
- Music Therapist
- Performing Musician
- Private Studio Teacher
- Recording Studio Owner
- Recreational Director

For more information about Music, please visit:

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For admission information, questions about your application, or to arrange a campus visit please call:

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