



Florida State University
College of Music

FIND YOUR PLACE

Located in the beautiful capital city of Tallahassee, FSU is ranked among the top 20 public universities in the nation according to *US News & World Report*. We have a 95% freshman retention rate and the best graduation rate among Florida's public colleges and universities. Tallahassee is known for its natural beauty and our campus is no exception – it is the perfect place to live, study, and make music. Tallahassee has a vibrant arts community and abundant cultural offerings, with something new to discover around every corner.

The College of Music is home to more than 1,000 students across dozens of different degree programs. Truly experiencing the “best of both worlds,” our students benefit from the small class sizes and individualized attention that the College of Music can provide, while also enjoying the resources of a robust, nationally-ranked research university.

“As an out-of-state student, I knew I wanted a school that would make me feel comfortable while being far from home. FSU and the College of Music welcomed me with open arms and has given me a home away from home!”

— **Emily Poisson,**
BME Choral Music Education, 2022





YOU BELONG HERE

For 120 years, the Florida State University College of Music has been guiding students just like you to achieve their dreams and fulfill their potential. Building on that tradition, but always with an eye to the future, our students are poised to become the musical leaders of tomorrow.



Our Music Therapy program enjoys a close relationship with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

CHART YOUR COURSE

As one of the nation's most diverse collegiate music programs, we offer a variety of degree options to fit your personal interests and career goals. One of our greatest strengths is helping students find a successful bridge to their career in music.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

- Music/Liberal Arts
- Commercial Music
- Jazz
- Sacred Music

Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.)

(Choral, Instrumental, or General/Elementary focus)

Bachelor of Music (B.M.)

- Composition
- Music Theory
- Music Therapy
- Performance
- (All orchestral instruments, piano, organ, jazz, guitar, voice, and music theatre)

Music minor

WHY NOT DO BOTH?

Music majors may choose to combine their study of music with another field in the form of a double major or dual degree. In fact, about 15% of our students do so. Pursuing a dual degree is challenging but offers students the opportunity to customize their experience and to develop expertise in multiple fields.

Students may also complete two music degrees or add a specialized studies program to their music degree. Specializations include: Jazz, Music Entrepreneurship, Performance, Piano Pedagogy, Sacred Music, and Special Music Education.

"FSU was the perfect choice for me. The size of the university allowed me to find friends from various walks of life while finding a nice niche for myself. The various programs offered outside the College of Music also helped me find my other passion and has greatly influenced my future goals."

— Will Kozel,
BME Instrumental Music Education and BA Japanese, 2023



"I am so glad I chose to pursue my graduate degrees at FSU. I have learned so much from Dr. Moore and the incredible brass faculty. Having opportunities to perform with the University Symphony Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, and various chamber groups has been such a valuable part of my time here as well, and I am grateful for the many opportunities to perform and teach as a TA at Florida State!"

— Julia Bell,
Brass Performance MM 2020,
DM 2023

REFINE YOUR FOCUS

Whether you are looking to advance in your current career path or perhaps make a career change, our graduate programs provide the opportunity to focus your studies even further. Take your education to the next level in one of dozens of programs available.

Graduate Programs

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Music/Liberal Arts
Arts Administration
Piano Technology

Master of Music Education (M.M.E.)

(full time or summers-only)

Master of Music (M.M.)

Accompanying
Composition
Conducting
Music Theory
Music Therapy
Musicology (Historical or Ethnomusicology)
Opera Production (Opera Coaching or Directing)
Performance (All orchestral instruments, piano,
organ, jazz, guitar, voice)
Piano Pedagogy





**Summers-only
Master of Music Education**

Designed especially for working teachers, this unique program features coursework completed exclusively in summer (late June to early August). Teachers earn their master's degree without leaving the classroom or losing income. This three-year program culminates in a study-abroad experience at the FSU Study Center in London, England.

Doctor of Music (D.M.)

Composition

Performance (All orchestral instruments, piano, organ, guitar, voice, collaborative piano)

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Musicology

(Historical or Ethnomusicology)

Music Theory

Music Education

(Students may pursue any music education discipline, including areas such as piano pedagogy, instrumental or choral conducting, music therapy, or music teacher education.)



With 100 full-time faculty members and a student to teacher ratio of 11 to 1, the College of Music provides a unique hands-on approach for students to learn from experienced professionals in their field.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our faculty truly are the best at what they do. They are leaders in their field, whether that field is performance, education, music therapy, composition, music theory, musicology, or arts administration. Among them are Grammy award winners, Fulbright and Guggenheim Scholars, major grant recipients, and even a Pulitzer Prize winner. But, most importantly, our faculty are attentive and available to our students and take the time and effort to prepare them for their future beyond the classroom.

The relationship between faculty and student is vitally important, especially in music. We encourage you to reach out and contact the faculty in your area of study and get to know them. You may be able to request a trial lesson or observe a class on your next visit to campus. Video meetings and lessons may also be available.

"I cannot speak highly enough of the faculty here. Every director, professor, and graduate student I've worked with cares deeply about their students and have made the College of Music feel like my 'home away from home.'"

— Julia Freeman,
BME Instrumental Music Education, 2022



MAKE GREAT MUSIC

Each year, the College of Music presents more than 500 concerts and recitals in our five performance halls on campus. Our students perform in more than forty different ensembles, and frequently have opportunities to perform off-campus: locally, nationally, and internationally.



"As an international student, one of the challenges that I faced was to find a school which inspires excellence and, at the same time, provides a friendly and warm atmosphere. I found those in FSU. I felt at home."

— Albert Magcalas, DM String Performance, 2021

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT YOU INCLUDE:

- 40+ large ensembles, including multiple bands, orchestras, and choirs; jazz, blues, and rock ensembles; early music, world music, and new music ensembles; and the world-famous Marching Chiefs
- Three fully staged operas and 2 outreach productions each season
- Annual senior showcase for graduating Music Theatre majors in New York City
- Chamber music competition culminating in a performance at Carnegie Hall
- Two concerto competitions (winners perform a full concerto with University orchestras)
- Annual domestic choir tours and frequent international choir tours (previous destinations include France, Great Britain, Central Europe, and Puerto Rico)
- Guest artist masterclasses
- Performances at state, regional, and national conferences
- Composer's recitals, including the Biennial Festival of New Music
- Chamber music recitals
- Studio classes and area seminars





EXPERIENCE IT ALL

Immerse yourself in the richness of the FSU campus community and get involved! FSU has more than 750 student organizations from Greek life to intramural and club sports, to student government and social clubs. Enjoy a night at the theatre or an afternoon cheering on one of our nationally ranked athletic teams: at FSU there is something for everyone!

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

The Music Living-Learning Community (MLLC) is a unique residential option for music majors and minors where students live and study together in nearby Cawthon Hall. Housed just steps away from the College of Music, the 150–175 residents enjoy exclusive access to in-house classes, practice facilities, and computer/keyboard lab. Through the Colloquium Series, students meet renowned musicians and guest artists to learn more about the field of music, and even have the chance to travel and study abroad in London during Spring Break.

“Living in the MLLC helped me, a small-town native, adjust to moving to a big city and making new friends with a shared interest: music! I loved the opportunity to make music together from our shared living spaces, and even cook for each other! Cawthon is a place for students to grow, academically and as a community.”

— **Micah Castillo,**
BM Music Therapy, 2022



Students from Cawthon Hall MLLC have the option to travel to London over Spring Break as part of a study abroad program.

BENEFITS FOR A LIFETIME

A degree from the College of Music is an excellent step on your path to a successful career. Our graduates are members of an extended musical family that spans the globe. Both our Music Education and Music Therapy programs can claim a 100% job-placement rate for their graduates. Performance majors are admitted every year to the top conservatories and graduate programs in the nation. Graduates from our programs enjoy careers in and around music as music producers, recording artists, sound engineers, private teachers, orchestral and opera performers, arts managers and administrators, composers, conductors, and college professors. Some take what they've learned in their music degree and apply it to careers outside of the arts, but continue to participate in music for the rest of their lives.



RYAN SPEEDO GREEN

MM Voice Performance (2010)
Soloist at: Salzburg Festival
The Metropolitan Opera
Vienna State Opera

Grammy Award winning bass-baritone Ryan Speedo Green was the National Grand Finals winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in 2011 and made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 2012 as the Mandarin in *Turandot*. This season, Green celebrates 10 years with the Metropolitan Opera by opening the 2021 – 2022 season as Uncle Paul in Terrence Blanchard's *Fire Shut Up in My Bones* and reprising his Grammy Award winning role of Jake in *Porgy and Bess*, Colline in *La bohème*, and Truffaldino in *Ariadne auf Naxos*. A native of Suffolk, Virginia, Mr. Green received a Master of Music degree from the Florida State University College of Music and was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Lindemann Young Artist Development Program.



JAZMIN GHENT

BME Instrumental Music Education (2013)
Recording Artist and Music Educator

A nationally recognized smooth jazz and gospel recording artist and music educator, Jazmin was invited by the US Embassy in Haiti to spend 7 days presenting music workshops to adults and children in 2020, a visit that culminated in a headline performance at the International Jazz Festival in Port Au Prince, Haiti. Her awards and recognitions include the prestigious NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Jazz Album for *The Story of Jaz* (2019) and Smooth Jazz Network's Best New Smooth Jazz Artist (2017). Jazmin has 4 Billboard chart-topping singles, including "Kickin It Up," "Work Wit It," "Heat," and "Compared to What."

"Growth happens during some of the most challenging times. I learned who I am as a musician and who I am as a person during my time at FSU. There are numerous professors and other individuals who have contributed to who I am today, and I wouldn't be where I am without them. I am proud to be a Seminole and graduate of FSU College of Music."



YOUR BEST VALUE

FSU College of Music is one of the most affordable top-tier music programs in the country. Florida State was recently ranked in the top 10 Best Values in Public Colleges by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, and 3rd in the nation for best values for out-of-state students. In fact, our tuition rate has not increased since 2013!

Even with our incredibly affordable tuition, we know that additional funding is important to you and your family. Thanks to generous support from our state and from our donors, we are able to offer a variety of financial aid to our students.



Undergraduate Funding

Admission Scholarships: All first-year students are considered for academic merit scholarships such as the Freshman University Scholarship (\$2,400 per year), the Presidential Scholarship (\$4,800 per year), and the prestigious Benacquisto Scholarship for National Merit Scholars.

Music Talent Scholarships: Music majors are automatically considered for talent scholarships (\$500 to \$3,000 per year). Awards are competitive and are offered to students who demonstrate exceptional musical ability.

Out-of-State Tuition Scholarships: We are pleased to offer scholarship awards for the out-of-state portion of tuition to all admitted undergraduate music majors (approximately \$14,444 per year).

Need-based grants and Federal Work Study: Awards vary in amount and are based on the FAFSA. For best consideration, be sure to complete your FAFSA by December 1.

Graduate Funding

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate assistants receive a full tuition waiver as well as an annual stipend (\$7,400 to \$14,800 per year). Positions and responsibilities vary, but no additional application is required. Apply by December 1 for best consideration.

University Fellowships and Grants: Students from any discipline may apply for these awards (\$5000 to \$30,000 per year). Students must apply by December 1 – see gradschool.fsu.edu for application instructions. GRE required.

Academic Common Market: Out-of-State students from southern states may qualify for in-state tuition based on academic program and state of residency. Visit sreb.org/academic-common-market for more information.

CHECK US OUT

Want to learn more? The best way to get to know us is to make a visit to campus. We host visitors almost every weekday of the year, and can help you connect with faculty, observe some classes, and maybe even have a sample lesson.

Can't make it to campus? We offer weekly information sessions over Zoom to answer all of your questions about our programs and the admission and audition process.

Visit us at music.fsu.edu/admissions to schedule an appointment today and stay in touch by scanning the QR code to join our mailing list.





2021–2022 IMPORTANT DATES

November 1

Priority Application Deadline for Freshman Applicants

December 1

Priority Application Deadline for Transfer and Graduate Applicants

Priority deadline to submit FAFSA

Final Prescreening Deadline for:

Undergraduate: Piano and Music Theatre

Graduate: Voice, Piano, Violin, Trumpet, Euphonium, Tuba, Conducting, and Musicology

January–February

Auditions and Interviews

March 1

Final Application Deadline for Summer MME

March

Admission decisions released on rolling basis



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