Music

Department of Music
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The Department of Music is dedicated to providing leadership in the musical arts for the state of Alaska. This is accomplished through teaching, performance, recordings, composition, publication, community outreach, and other creative and service-oriented endeavors related to the field of music. At the institutional level, the Department of Music, as a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences, provides a vital liberal arts link for the University of Alaska Anchorage.

The department exerts intellectual, pedagogic and creative leadership at the college, pre-college and community levels. Its music degree programs foster excellence in the preparation of music students for graduate school, teacher training or other careers in music. Music faculty and programs also serve as an important community resource in the training of pre-college talent. In addition, the department seeks to serve the lifelong learning component of the university mission in that it supports courses needed for professional development and offers the community access to opportunities for continuing education.

The Department of Music offers two degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts in Music and the Bachelor of Music. Students in the Bachelor of Music select either a performance emphasis or music education emphasis, or both. In addition, students in the Bachelor of Music may select to also have a jazz emphasis.

The Bachelor of Arts in Music is a curriculum planned for those desiring a broad liberal arts education with a focus in music. Students pursuing this degree sample courses of their choosing in each of the major academic areas while still having time to strengthen understanding and performance in their chosen musical area.

The Bachelor of Music with a performance emphasis is a professional music degree. Students focus on the development of skills, concepts and sensitivities essential for success as a performing musician. Students work to achieve a high level of technical competence in their performing area while gaining a broad knowledge of music theory, history and literature.

The Bachelor of Music with a music education emphasis is a four-year program that provides initial training for a career in teaching music. For options regarding current statewide programs that lead to final teacher certification, students should contact the Department of Music for more information.

Programs of Study

Bachelor of Arts

- BA in Music (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/cas/music/ba-music/)

Bachelor of Music

- Bachelor of Music (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/cas/music/bm-musiceducationemphasis/)