



MUSIC

Why study music at SXU?

At SXU, you are not just a number – we have smaller class sizes, individualized attention with our outstanding faculty, performance opportunities designed for undergraduate students, and a wide variety of ensembles. These include marching band, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, jazz combos, opera workshop, university chorale, community band, big band, flute choir and chamber ensemble.

Study with our renowned music faculty – learn from experienced professionals who are still performing today! Many of our faculty perform around the Chicagoland area in ensembles such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Grant Park Chorale, Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Elgin Symphony Orchestra, to name a few.

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SXU offers three concentrations to suit your interests and career goals:

- **Music Performance:** SXU prepares you for a career as a freelance performer by providing you with just that: performance opportunities! As a performance major, you will have the opportunity to perform in a weekly performance class, a wide variety of ensembles, and prepare and perform on two of your very own recitals.
- **Music Education:** This major trains you for a career as a general music and ensemble teacher in grades K-12. Along with music core classes such as theory, history, ear training and keyboard skills, you will dive into advanced education courses such as method courses, where you learn the basic techniques of several instruments as well as conducting and rehearsal methods.
- **Music (BA):** This curriculum gives you the flexibility to explore music elective courses, including jazz, brass, woodwind, percussion, string, vocal methods and additional ensembles. Some students also find it beneficial to double major with other programs such as business or psychology to prepare for graduate school in music therapy, business and other hybrid programs.

Develop your passion for music by refining and enhancing your musicianship through weekly private lessons, courses in music theory and history, and continued ensemble experiences at the University level.

What can you do with a music degree?

Studying music requires intelligence, hard work, dedication and flexibility. All of these attributes are not only attractive to future employers, but also prepare you for a wide variety of career opportunities upon graduation. Some music-related jobs include music educator – elementary/secondary, college or university professor, private lesson teacher, music therapist, composer/arranger or performer.