

MUSIC, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Music combines a broad liberal education with a selection of courses in Music. The degree is designed to develop basic musicianship, the ability to perform, and a set of principles that leads to a fuller intellectual grasp of the art.

The B.A. in Music degree program includes a General Music Studies Option and an additional option in Music Technology.

What is Music?

Music exists at the intersection of the sciences and the humanities. A fundamental element of the human experience, it is much more than "sound organized in time"; it is a network of global practices, styles, and institutions. The study of music is multifaceted and interdisciplinary, encompassing performance, pedagogy, history, theory, composition, technology, and more. It weaves together the physical and biological—acoustics, engineering, psychology, and neurology—with the cultural and expressive—philosophy, politics, drama, and visual art.

You Might Like This Program If...

You're looking for an educational experience that develops your musicianship, scholarship, and performance skills through broad-based study in all areas of music. For those students interested in music technology, an option in the B.A. provides a focus in this area. If you are looking to earn two degrees, the B.A. combines well with a degree outside of music.