

MUSICAL ARTS, B.M.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 Musical Arts degree is a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary program that is intended to prepare students for careers in performance, while developing a secondary area of emphasis outside of music, as determined for each student on the basis of an advising process. Completion of this program requires that the student achieve a high level of competence in order to begin professional work or pursue further studies at the graduate level.

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 have achieved a high level of musical accomplishment from years of study, practice, and ensemble participation.
- Music is a driving force in your life but you also want to pursue a minor or a second degree outside of music.