



“Life without music would be a mistake.”
–Friedrich Nietzsche

Try to imagine a world without music. Can you? It’s with good reason that music is called the universal language. For most of us, it’s a never-ending inspiration—the soundtrack of our lives. If you’re inspired to compose a life in music, then one of our programs could be the perfect prelude.

We provide a thriving environment for performance, study, and creation, and work to develop well-rounded musicians equipped to become successful teachers and accomplished performers. You will receive intensive private instruction with faculty musicians, plenty of performance experience, and strong academic preparation for traveling your musical path. Our comprehensive curriculum includes music theory, music history, and applied lessons on all instruments. We integrate academic offerings with performing ensembles to provide experiential education that encourages discovery, creativity, and personal and professional development.

Above all, we highly value both tradition and innovation. The School of Music is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

“What an amazing experience to travel around the world with a group of 50 people working towards the same goal: creating and sharing music with others. The instructors in the School of Music are fabulous performers and teachers who gave me many opportunities to expand my experience.”

Ashley Anderson, Class of 2007

Degree Programs

All Bachelor of Music degrees are extended majors.

- **Bachelor of Arts in Music**
- **Bachelor of Music in Performance**
Voice or instrument
- **Bachelor of Music Education: Choral (K-12)**
- **Bachelor of Music Education: Instrumental (K-12)**
- **Minor in Music**

Performance Opportunities

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| Play an instrument in ... | Raise your voice in . . . |
| Chamber Ensembles | Chamber Singers |
| Collegiate Band | Master Chorale of Flagstaff |
| Concert Band | Men’s Chorale |
| Horn Ensemble | Shrine of Ages Choir |
| Jazz Band | University Singers |
| Jazz Combos | Vocal Jazz Ensemble |
| Marching Band | Women’s Chorale |
| Percussion Ensemble | |
| Saxophone Orchestra | |
| Symphonic Band | |
| Symphony Orchestra | |
| Trombone Choir | |
| Wind Symphony | |

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Music on the march

Join the **Marching Band** and enjoy performing for large crowds in the 15,000-seat Walkup Skydome. Learn to work together while making music and supporting the university's athletic program. Hone your skills and see the game!

Singing with the best

The **Shrine of the Ages Choir** is a select group of singers who perform in a variety of styles. If you are selected for this competitive ensemble, expect to sing at a high level of musicianship and to learn discipline and leadership skills. The choir performs for the community and tours internationally.

Just you and the music

Music students must perform **solo juries and recitals** as part of their degree programs. The challenge of standing on stage alone and making music will reward you with a sense of accomplishment that you'll carry into your future.

Experience the Work World

The defining activity of the School of Music is performance. Students who perform develop poise and confidence and learn problem-solving skills transferable to other disciplines. Performing fosters a sense of community and creates a feeling of accomplishment. Music students gain valuable teaching experience on campus and in the community through programs such as the School of Music's Preparatory School and Summer Music Camp.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, semester, or academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Malta, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international

Participate!

The **National Association for Music Education** provides professional support, including a forum for topics related to your field and employment information. The **American Choral Directors Association**, the **American String Teachers Association**, and the **National Association of Teachers of Singing** offer similar benefits.

The **NAU Horn Society** brings together horn players to perform for and serve the campus and Flagstaff communities. Improve your individual and ensemble skills and develop a diverse repertoire of horn ensemble music.

The **NAU Percussion Club** provides a forum to discuss the performance and teaching of percussion.

Sigma Alpha Iota is an international fraternity for women in music. The campus chapter sponsors social events and promotes competence and achievement within the field.

Tau Beta Sigma is a national honorary band sorority that supports women pursuing careers in music and promotes an appreciation of band music through recognition, leadership development, and education of its members.