Why Study Music at UMD?

THE UMD SCHOOL OF MUSIC provides real-world training for life outside the practice room. We offer our musicians conservatory training, while emphasizing the importance of the combined scholar, performer, educator and arts advocate. Our location near the nation’s capital provides you with unparalleled opportunities to perform with cultural institution icons like the National and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras. Our graduates enter the professional world with command of their art form, prepared to build a career in the arts and eager to nurture creative expression for the future.

MUSIC CURRICULUM

The undergraduate major was designed to prepare you for the professional world of music through a curriculum that balances the rigors of conservatory training along with opportunities to study with faculty and students across the broad spectrum of academic fields housed in the College of Arts and Humanities. The School of Music offers three types of undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education. The Bachelor of Arts is designed for students with interest in the broader liberal arts experience who intend to double major in music and another field. The Bachelor of Music is designed for students with extensive pre-college training and potential for successful performance careers. The Bachelor of Music Education is designed for students with potential for successful teaching careers in K-12 school systems. The programs vary according to instrument or emphasis; please refer to the Web for the most up-to-date information.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- History of Popular Music, 1950-Present
- Teaching Choral Music
- Ensembles, including Symphony Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, and Chamber Singers
MUSIC DEGREES IN ACTION

95% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies. Here’s where some of our music graduates are working or studying:

- Richmond Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Nashville Symphony, Air Force Band, Navy Band and President’s Own Marine Band, Section & Principal Positions
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra OrchKids, Program Assistant
- Montgomery County Public Schools, K-12, Vocal/General Music Teacher
- The Juilliard School, Master of Music
- Carnegie Mellon University, Master of Music, Horn Performance
- University of Vermont, Medicine
- Michigan State University, Master of Music

RUTH BRIGHT ’13, MUSIC
Master of Music, Collaborative Piano, University of Maryland

“The biggest lesson I learned from my degree was the art of accepting and using criticism to my advantage. Nowhere else have I received as much constructive criticism and been encouraged to incorporate what is needed, choose between helpful and not as helpful and respond in a positive manner.”

TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It’s never too early to start planning your career. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU to assess your skills, values and interests. Academic and career advisors will work with you to incorporate internships, living and learning programs, global experiences and research into your academic plan. While completing your degree, you can freelance with local orchestras, teach privately or intern with major arts and humanities organizations such as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Smithsonian Institution and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 64 bachelor’s degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With a 10 to 1 student-faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation’s capital.