The objectives of the School of Music are:

1. to provide a professional musical education based on a foundation in the liberal arts;
2. to help students understand music as an artistic and cultural product;
3. to prepare the student for professional and graduate work in the field; and
4. to prepare the student to teach music in the public schools.

Programs

Major

• Music Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/music/music-major/)

Minor

• Music and Culture Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/music/music-culture-minor/)
• Music Performance Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/music/music-performance-minor/)

Advising

Departmental advising is mandatory for all music majors every semester. Please visit music.umd.edu/current-students (https://music.umd.edu/current-students/) to find your appropriate advisor.

To review the academic plan for this major, go to arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans (https://arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans/).

Opportunities

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

• Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity
• Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity
• Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority
• Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America
• The National Association for Music Education (NAfME)

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The School of Music offers merit-based scholarships upon a student’s acceptance into the school. Scholarships are based on the quality of the application, which includes the audition.

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit financialaid.umd.edu (http://financialaid.umd.edu).

Awards and Recognition

The Presser Award is granted each May to a music student with junior standing who demonstrates both performance and scholastic excellence, as determined by the music faculty, and carries with it a significant financial award to help the recipient in his/her senior year.

Academic Programs and Departmental Facilities

The UMD School of Music is located in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, a 318,000 square foot campus facility dedicated to Music, Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies. Completed in 2001, the center includes six state-of-the-art performance venues, the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, and specialized classroom and rehearsal spaces.