

# Music



"Bethel College helped prepare me for my work by providing wonderful performance opportunities with a remarkable faculty. My professors demonstrated excellence in teaching and performing, and they nurtured and encouraged me to do my best."

—Daniel Hege '87, music director and principal conductor, Syracuse (N.Y.) Symphony Orchestra and Wichita Symphony Orchestra

## Question

How will I know if this is the right major for me?

## Answer

From the start, your faculty advisor will work with you to set up a course schedule and help you explore options available in music as a major (or minor). Music is more than just a field of study—it's about human feeling. Does music give you enjoyment and comfort? Does singing a song or playing an instrument feel like a natural extension of yourself? Do you perform or write music to express yourself? Is music an important element in your life? If so, you are probably well-suited to become a music major or minor at Bethel College, and you'll have plenty of chances to explore your interests. Studying music doesn't mean you have to become a teacher or performer, although both are options. The same abilities that make a good music major—discipline, dedication, creativity, enthusiasm—are valued in other fields. Music provides great background for math, engineering, literary studies and other areas of study.

## Question

What courses are required for a music degree from Bethel College?

## Answer

In addition to course work and solo performance in their medium, requirements for all music majors include:

- Music Theory I-IV
- Aural Skills I & II
- Ensemble Performance II
- Music History and Literature I & II
- Senior Recital



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Seek.  
Serve.  
Grow.

## Question

What kind of practical experience will I get as a student?

## Answer

Making music is an essential part of studying music, and students have a wide range of opportunities to perform, teach and conduct. Bethel has long been highly regarded for its Concert Choir and other vocal groups. The established jazz program has also earned respect—the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo earned Superior ratings at recent festivals at Wichita State University and the University of Northern Colorado-Greeley, as well as numerous performances at the Kansas Music Educators Association annual convention. Other instrumentalists have played in the Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra. Bethel has been very successful at finding off-campus positions for students to apply their learning, such as directing and accompanying church choirs, playing church organ and leading youth groups. Bethel students may also teach lessons at the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts, a community music school that offers instruction in vocal and instrumental music, as well as dance, to students.



## Question

What can I expect after graduation?

## Answer

With a music degree from Bethel College, your career possibilities are vast. If education appeals to you, music teachers are currently in great demand at the elementary and secondary levels. You could go on to become a college professor. Recent students have gone to graduate school in jazz studies, instrumental performance, collaborative piano and conducting. Other graduates are professional singers and actors, symphony conductors, church music ministers, acoustic consultants and pipe organ designers.

*“The education I received has helped endlessly. As a performer, the more you know about the world around you and within you, the better prepared you are to interpret a playwright’s work or a composer’s song.”*

*—Rachel Kasper deBenedet ’88,  
Broadway performer*



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