

School of Music

College of Fine Arts and Communication



The Western Illinois University School of Music provides students with exceptional programs that meet the needs of all students pursuing a degree in music. WIU's small class sizes allow for students to interact with both their peers and professors on a daily basis. The ratio of music majors to full-time music faculty in the WIU School of Music is 6:1. Opportunities for involvement and musical growth through performance, classroom study and research abound. All students planning to major in music must audition for acceptance to their program of choice.

Programs of Study

- Music Education – Prepares students to be public school educators and offers a comprehensive major leading to state licensure
- Music Business – Prepares students for career options in the music industry involving music production, arts management, recording, nonprofit music administration and artist development
- Music Therapy – Trains students in the application of music to restore, maintain and improve mental and physical health; following coursework, fieldwork and a clinical internship, graduates are prepared to apply for board certification
- Applied Study in Vocal or Instrumental Performance, Composition or Jazz Studies – Prepares students for graduate study, performance and/or studio teaching

Scholarships and Talent Awards

Application for scholarships and talent awards through the WIU School of Music are available to all students who audition for acceptance to the program and also for non-majors who plan to participate in the ensemble program while attending WIU. Students who wish to be considered for a scholarship and/or an award must audition during the December-February audition season prior to their matriculation date. Audition dates are posted on the music website, wiu.edu/music, under "Prospective Students." Direct questions to the auditions coordinator at (309) 298-1087.

Auditions and Visits

Prospective music students are invited to include a visit to the School of Music during their campus visit. Students can sit in on a class, join an ensemble rehearsal and have a sample lesson on their instrument or voice. Students who wish to major or minor in music audition for acceptance to the School of Music. These auditions are for acceptance into the program and music scholarships. To schedule an audition or visit, contact Trista Trone at td-trone@wiu.edu.

Music Performance and Ensembles

- Brass Ensemble
- Marching Leathernecks
- Pep Band
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble
- Concert Band
- University Band
- Jazz Studio Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- 4 Jazz Combos
- Percussion Ensemble
- Steel Band
- Concert Choir
- University Singers
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Madrigal Singers
- Opera Workshop
- Symphony Orchestra
- Chamber Orchestra
- President's International String Quartet
- Guitar Ensembles

Student Organizations

All music organizations have well-established memberships on the WIU campus and provide unique opportunities for service projects, professional networking and learning. The Music Student Council consists of the presidents of these organizations:

- Mu Phi Epsilon
- Music Business Association
- Music Teachers National Association
- Music Therapy Association
- National Association for Music Education
- Phi Mu Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Iota

For More Information

Visit wiu.edu/music, call the School of Music at (309) 298-1087, or e-mail the School of Music at music@wiu.edu.



University Libraries

University Libraries consists of the Leslie F. Malpass Library, which is the main branch, and four other branches: the Physical Sciences Library, the Music Library, the Curriculum Library and the Quad Cities Library. WIU Libraries offer students access to a variety of print and online resources. Research assistance is available in person at the Reference Desk and via instant messaging. Check out the website for hours, events and services available: wiu.edu/libraries.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 10,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western offers a broad-based athletics program, sponsoring 19 NCAA Division I intercollegiate varsity sports. Football competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other varsity sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,400 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees and room and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes discrimination based on an individual's membership in the following classes: sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status, and any other classes protected by state or federal law.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and individual appointments can be made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Campus tours are conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments with advisors, faculty or a financial aid advisor may be arranged separately during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10 a.m., and a campus tour is conducted at 11 a.m. Students may schedule a visit or tour online at wiu.edu/admissions by selecting "Visit Campus." Students may also schedule a visit, tour or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU (742-5948) or (309) 298-3157, or by emailing admissions@wiu.edu.

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