Music Teacher Education
School of Music, College of Fine Arts & Communication

Program of Study
Western Illinois University offers an exciting program in music education that develops artistic musicians who are thoughtful, knowledgeable educators. Focused coursework, practical teaching experiences, and a caring community among students and faculty will help candidates become an effective educator motivated and inspired to positively affect the lives of every student they teach through music. Students in the Music Teacher Education major may select either a Choral or Instrumental specialization. They receive K-12 state licensure to teach in Illinois public schools following their successful completion of all School of Music, College of Education and Human Services, and General Education requirements, plus one semester of supervised student teaching. For more information visit our website at www.wiu.edu/cofac/musiceducation

Faculty
The music education faculty has years of experience teaching in public school music programs as well as a distinguished reputation as presenters, clinicians, conductors, performers, and adjudicators.

Scholarship Auditions
The School of Music awards numerous scholarships to incoming freshmen and transfer students. Scholarship amounts vary widely, and most are renewable for eight consecutive semesters of study. All students being considered for scholarships must audition for the School of Music Scholarship Committee. To obtain music audition application materials and/or information for all auditions, visit our website at www.wiu.edu/music or call the auditions coordinator at 309/298-1087.

School of Music Entrance Auditions
Students who wish to major in music must successfully audition for acceptance into the School of Music. These auditions include screening in piano, aural skills, and written theory. The entrance audition also determines scholarship awards for music majors.

Music Ensembles
To obtain entrance audition application materials and/or information, visit our website at www.wiu.edu/music or call our auditions coordinator at 309/298-1087.

Student Organizations
Large concert ensembles include Wind Ensemble, University Singers, and the Symphony Orchestra. Other specialty ensembles include the Marching Leathernecks and Opera Workshop; there are also opportunities in Music Theatre. Our Jazz Studies program includes Jazz Studio Orchestra, Vocal Jazz Workshop, and a variety of other jazz ensembles. Smaller groups include Percussion and Steel Band Ensembles; Madrigal Singers; University Band; and Piano, Wind, Brass, and String Ensembles.

After College
There are a number of organizations for music students: Music Student Council, American String Teachers Association, Illinois Collegiate Music Educators Association, Mu Phi Epsilon, Music Business Association, Music and Miracles, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, Student Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, Student Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Student Chapter of Music Teachers National Association.

The School of Music has been consistently successful in placing graduates in music education positions. Western has a well-earned reputation for training music educators with a high level of musicianship. Graduates are in demand throughout the region due to
their outstanding preparation and quality musicianship. Music Education graduates regularly hold upper-level positions in professional organizations. Many have successfully moved into graduate programs, music supervisor positions, and other professional careers.

For More Information

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Library

The library and its five branches house more than one million cataloged volumes, 3,300 current journal subscriptions, and 25 foreign and domestic newspapers. In addition, the library provides computer access to resources worldwide, including 800 other Illinois libraries with more than 22 million volumes. When necessary, the interlibrary loan program can have materials in students’ hands within a day or two.

Higher Values in
Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in the heart of 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 Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

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

Western Illinois University complies with all state and federal nondiscrimination laws, orders, and regulations. Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution and affirms its commitment in all programs and activities to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, and status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisor/faculty, or a financial aid advisor may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit or tour online at www.admissions.wiu.edu by selecting “Visit Campus.” You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free 877/PICKWIU (742-5948) or 309/298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.