Music Performance (B.M.)

Pursue your passion, immerse yourself in music and prepare for a career as a musician.

Music connects people across cultures, lifts our spirits and helps us explore our deepest emotions. With a performance degree from UND, you’ll have the power to help make the world a better place.

Program Snapshot

- Program type: Major
- Format: On-campus
- Est. time to complete: 4 years
- Credit hours: 125

Why Study Music Performance at UND?

Music is the universal language of emotion. With a major in Music Performance from UND, you’ll be ready to join the musical conversation.

The B.M. in Performance program combines intense focus on your primary instrument with a strong foundation in music theory and history. You also will broaden your horizons with liberal arts courses such as history, English, geography and foreign languages.

Your musical course of study includes:

- Weekly hour-long lessons on your major instrument or voice
- Weekly studio classes
- Ensemble participation
- Two full years of music theory and aural skills
- Piano proficiency
- Music history

You’ll have access to practice rooms and rehearsal halls in our Hughes Fine Arts Center. And you’ll prepare to make a living doing what you love.

Priority Application Deadlines

- FALL: Feb. 1* (freshmen) | April 15* (transfer students)
- SPRING: Dec. 1
- SUMMER: April 1

*academic scholarship priority deadline

Program Highlights

- Participate in UND music ensembles such as choirs, bands, chamber orchestra and chamber ensembles
- Go on tour with a UND ensemble to China, Japan, Brazil, Cuba or beyond
- Apply for a scholarship to support your music studies
- Join a student group like Music Students of UND or the Student National Association of Teachers of Singing

Outcomes

- 6% Anticipated job growth for musicians and singers*
- 50K Median annual salary for music directors and composers**


As a music performance graduate, you’ll be ready for graduate study and for many career opportunities. Our Music Performance graduates who start
careers without a graduate degree teach private lessons, play in semi-professional community orchestras, build careers as church musicians, work in music sales and instrument repair, and more.

Those who complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in music performance go on to careers in:

- Private studio instruction
- Churches
- Studio session bands
- Pit orchestras
- Jazz bands
- Concert bands
- Orchestras
- Opera companies