

Music

Information for prospective students



THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

Faculty of Arts



Studying music at UWA

All over the world, people's lives become meaningful through music. People listen to music, create their own music and take pleasure in playing the music of others.

About UWA

Located on the beautiful banks of the Swan River in Perth, The University of Western Australia is proud to have scored five star rankings in the Good Universities Guide 2015 and is recognised internationally as being a leading university, ranked in the top 100 in the world in the highly respected Shanghai-JiaoTong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities. UWA is the only WA university to belong to the prestigious Group of Eight – a coalition of top research universities in Australia.

Study Pathways

The School of Music offers two undergraduate majors in music within the Bachelor of Arts:

- **Music Studies** and;
- **Specialist Music Studies**.

In addition, all UWA students will have the opportunity to take a wide variety of music units in any of the undergraduate degrees – Arts, Commerce, Design, Science and Philosophy.

Music Studies and Specialist Music Studies

These two majors will provide students with a rigorous, high-quality tertiary music education, and

intensive concentration in a chosen area of specialisation: performance, composition or musicology, which will equip them for a variety of professional music careers.

Music Studies as a degree-specific (first) major

This major provides students with a foundation in the general study of music that can lead to a variety of career pathways, including the performing arts, whilst also allowing students to pursue a second major or elective units from other areas.

Entry requirements

Applicants for Music Studies and Specialist Music Studies must pass an audition.

The required standard is AMEB grade 5 practical for Music Studies and grade 7 practical for Specialist Music Studies (or equivalent level).

A theory background comparable to West Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Music 3A/3B is required (AMEB Grade 5 theory or equivalent).

All applicants must satisfy the university entrance requirements.

For further information visit:
music.uwa.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/applying

Music Studies as a second major

This pathway is designed for students wanting to enhance their studies in other areas by taking the Music Studies major as a second major in any of the five degrees. Students will study the core musicology and ethnomusicology units and can undertake some ensemble work.

Broaden your knowledge with Music units

Students who choose not to study a full major in music can still experience music units (including practical ensemble units).

Students studying in any of the five degrees can take music units as elective units and those studying the BCom, BDes or BSc can use music units to satisfy their broadening unit requirements.



Why choose music at UWA

Flexibility

Our flexible courses give students the opportunity to tailor programs to meet their individual needs; students can choose to specialise in performance, composition or musicology, or choose to combine music with other study areas, giving many choices of career and the flexibility to work in a multitude of different settings.

Opportunity

The School has a diverse and extensive Concerts and Outreach program, giving all students a wide-variety of performance opportunities, including the opportunity to work with national and international artists and industry specialists.

Teaching

Our majors are designed to give students a comprehensive musical education, allowing them to develop expertise and skills in the areas of performance or composition, harmony and aural, Western art music history and popular world musics.

We offer 1-1 tuition in all orchestral instruments, plus piano, organ, harpsichord, fortepiano, classical guitar, classical voice and composition. Tuition is with professional teachers of

the highest calibre, and our students also benefit from access to world-class musicians, musicologists and practitioners.

Reputation

With UWA graduates in every major orchestra in Australia, as soloists and composers, as outstanding teachers, and in the creative arts and music related industries across the globe, ours is the oldest and most successful tertiary music program in WA.

The future

The breadth of communication, musical, analytical, written and research skills that students acquire through the study of music are desirable in a wide range of professions.

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