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.

The School of Music at The University of Western Australia has connected people with music for over 50 years. It continues to produce national and international soloists, ensemble performers, composers, music educators and music researchers. It also enhances the life of the University and community through its wide-ranging concerts and outreach activities, many of which involve UWA students.

As a top 100 University, UWA is recognised internationally as a leading university and is the only Western Australian university to be a member of the Group of Eight, a collaboration of the top research universities in Australia. UWA graduates outperform the state and national averages both in terms of full-time employment and graduate starting salaries. The University’s degree structure is designed to provide you with skills and knowledge you need to succeed in our changing world.

Our vision is to enrich the lives of all UWA students through the study of music.
What are the options for studying music at UWA?

The School of Music offers two undergraduate majors in music:
> Music Studies
> Specialist Music Studies

In addition, all UWA students will have the opportunity to take a wide variety of music units.

1. **Music Studies and Specialist Music Studies**
   Taken together within the BA or BPhil(Hons) 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.

2. **Music Studies as a degree-specific (first) major**
   This major, taken within the BA or BPhil(Hons) 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 any of the five degree areas.

3. **Music Studies as a second major**
   This pathway is designed for students wanting to enhance their studies in Arts, Commerce, Design or Science 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 will undertake some ensemble work.

4. **Broaden your knowledge with Music units**
   Students who choose not to study a full major in music can still experience music (including practical ensemble units) at UWA. Students studying in any of the five degrees can choose music units as elective units and those studying the BCom, BDes or BSc can use music units to satisfy their broadening unit requirements.
What will you be studying?

Music Studies major

Level 1 units
Core units
- Communication Skills in Music
- Popular Music in Global Perspective
Complimentary units
- Practical Music 1 & 2

Level 2 units
Core units
- Practical Music 1 & 2
- Western Art Music 1 & 2
Optional units
- Music in World Cultures or;
- Chamber Music

Level 3 units
Core units
- Western Art Music 1 & 2
Optional units (choose 2)
- Advanced Ensemble
- Drama Through Music: Studies in Opera
- Gongs, Punks and Shadow Plays
- Music, Aesthetics and Criticism
- Music, Identity and Place
- Music in the Community
- Music, Mind and Medicine
- Soundscapes of Australia

Specialist Music Studies major

Level 2 units
Core units
- Practical Music 3, 4 and 5
- Music Language 3 & 4

Level 3 units
Core units
- Western Art Music 3
- Music Education in Research and Practice
Optional units (choose 3)
- Digital Audio
- Music Analysis in Theory and Practice
- Practical Music 6
- Topics in Performance Practice

Entry requirements for BA or BPhil(Hons) with Music Studies major
Applicants must satisfy the university entrance requirements and pass an audition (required standard is AMEB grade 5 practical or equivalent).

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

For further information about the audition process, please see the School of Music website music.uwa.edu.au

Entry requirements for BA or BPhil(Hons) with Specialist Music Studies major
In addition to satisfying the entrance requirements for the Music Studies major, applicants for Specialist Music Studies must demonstrate at audition a standard equivalent to AMEB Grade 7 practical or equivalent.
Honours and Postgraduate study options in music

Studying an undergraduate major in music offers students the opportunity to pursue postgraduate study in music at UWA.

Postgraduate study options in music include:

**Honours**
One-year add-on course, specialising in performance, composition or musicology.

**Master of Music**
12-month course, specialising in performance, composition, musicology or music education (research).

**Graduate Diploma in Education (Music)**
One-year course, which qualifies students to become classroom music teaching at secondary level.

**Master of Teaching**
Two-year course, which qualifies students to become classroom music teachers across early childhood, primary and secondary settings. This degree also trains students for studio music teaching (instrumental/vocal).

**Doctor of Musical Arts**
Three-year course of independent, supervised research and creative work, which can be either performance or composition.

**Doctor of Philosophy**
Four-year course of independent, supervised research specialising in performance, composition, musicology or music education (research).

Studying Music Studies and/or Specialist Music Studies can qualify students for entry into professional postgraduate courses at UWA including Audiology, Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Podiatric Medicine, Teaching, Nursing and Social Work. See the UWA website uwa.edu.au for further details.

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