



Georgia College Department of Music

Passionate. Personalized. GC Music.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Georgia College Department of Music is to provide an interdisciplinary, liberal arts-oriented education in music, music education and music therapy. We prepare students to embark on rewarding career paths within these fields while emphasizing the cultivation of critical thinking skills and diverse global perspectives. The department is committed to serving the broader university community through inclusive participation in ensembles and engaging course offerings. Our students learn to think independently and lead creatively through undergraduate research, community outreach, clinical training, professional development, continuing education and mentoring opportunities.

Bachelor of Arts in Music

The Bachelor of Arts in Music is a liberal arts degree at its foundation. Our music majors' liberal arts knowledge is developed through our core curriculum which includes courses in English composition and literature; foreign languages; history, social studies, and philosophy; visual and performing arts; science and mathematics; and distinctive GC courses, which emphasize critical thinking and global perspectives. Musicianship is addressed through the core music courses, which include applied study, small and large ensembles, piano classes, theory, aural skills, recital attendance, history, conducting, and a culminating senior project. The Bachelor of Arts degree features a choice of electives. One elective option is music education. The B.A. in music is also an excellent option for students who plan to double major.

Music Therapy B.M.T.

The Bachelor of Music Therapy degree program prepares students for a rewarding career in music therapy and requires extensive training in both music and clinical skills. The B.M.T. program provides the interdisciplinary and clinical training necessary to meet the diverse emotional, mental, social, and physical health care needs of clientele. As practitioners in an established allied health profession, music therapists work in a variety of settings including private practices or in hospitals, hospices, schools, and other facilities. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the Certification Board of Music Therapists (CBMT) exam. Upon passing the exam, graduates earn the MT-BC (music therapist - board certified) credential and are then eligible to apply for the music therapy license in the state of Georgia to practice as a licensed professional (LPMT).

Music Education Option (Bachelor of Arts + Master of Arts Teaching: Music Education)

Georgia College offers a four plus one, double-degree program to prepare future music teachers. Students will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Master of Arts in Teaching: Music Education, and will be prepared to teach general, choral, and instrumental music in grades P-12. Students will begin to complete coursework toward the master's degree during their junior and senior years saving both time and money. Students in this program will be both skilled musicians and effective teachers. The five-year curriculum allows time for substantial development of musical competencies, including fundamental musicianship and performance skills, and the development of comprehensive pedagogical proficiency. In contrast to other bachelor's degree programs, a great deal of emphasis is placed on practical teaching experience during the final three years of study.

Music ensembles

(all receive 1 hour of academic credit)

MAJOR INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

(All meet two or three times a week for a total of 2 ½ hours)

- Jazz Band
- Orchestra
- Wind Symphony

SMALL INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

(all meet once a week from 50 to 75 minutes)

- Brass Ensemble
- Flute Choir
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- Saxophone Quartet
- String Chamber Ensemble
- Small Group Combo
- Woodwind Ensemble

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

(all meet two or three times a week for a total of 2 ½ hours)

- Max Noah Singers
- Music Theatre/Opera Scenes
- The Cat's Meow
- University Chorus
- Women's Ensemble

AUDITION DATES

Aug. 6, 2020

Nov. 14, 2020

Feb. 15, 2021

March 6, 2021

April 16, 2021 (Limited Scholarship Availability)

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Masters of Arts in Teaching in Music Education (M.A.T.: Music Education)

The M.A.T.: Music Education is a full-time fifth-year professional degree program. This professional degree offers students a competitive edge in the search for teaching careers in the state of Georgia. The program is also designed for candidates from other institutions who hold bachelor degrees in music but who are not certified to teach, and those with a nonrenewable IN4T teacher certificate (all must pass the GACE PAA test). The coordinator will evaluate transcripts upon application to determine if the necessary pre-requisites have been met and develop individualized plans of study based on student needs. Successful completion of this degree, including GACE PAA, GACE ethics exams, and GACE music-content exams, will result in T-5 Certification in P-12 Music by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Music Education M.M.Ed.

The online Master of Music Education is designed to meet the educational and professional needs of in-service music teachers while maintaining a liberal arts focus. Through a liberal arts education, we prepare students to accommodate the needs of various learners and communities and provide support to enhance pedagogical and leadership skills. This is a music education specific program in which students engage in pedagogy, history, theory, research, teaching and performance. We offer specialized courses to meet the unique needs of teachers in elementary school music education, choral music education or instrumental music education.

Music Therapy M.M.T.

Georgia College's Master of Music Therapy program provides the opportunity to acquire an advanced theoretical, research and practical base for meeting the changing needs of the people served by the profession. By means of online education, teleconferencing and video conferencing, this program permits the establishment of virtual collaborative learning communities not limited by geographic constraints. On-campus intensive seminars occur once per semester and are mandatory as part of the degree program. Our Master of Music Therapy degree advances students from competencies achieved in undergraduate studies to competencies which are in depth, analytic, interdisciplinary and global with courses such as Gender and Cultural Issues in Music Therapy, Music Therapy Models, and Collegiate Teaching. Students have a choice of completing a master's thesis or a clinical project. Graduates from our program are currently employed in many different settings, including psychiatric hospitals, community mental health agencies, nursing homes, schools, and private practice. Applicants to the music therapy program must have completed a bachelor's degree in music therapy, including an internship in an approved program, or have completed a degree equivalency program.

Music Pre-Certification Minor

The music precertification minor is comprised of the prerequisite courses for the Master of Arts in Teaching: Music Education program. Students who complete the Bachelor of Arts in music along with the precertification minor can move directly into the M.A.T.: Music Education degree program for initial teacher certification. There are three focus options in this minor: instrumental, choral, and elementary, though all GC students are prepared to work in any music area P-12.

Creative Music Media Minor

The undergraduate Creative Music Media minor program offers students who are interested in the creative use of media technology, a foundation in music theory, music technology, improvisation, and keyboard skills. Some courses have prerequisites and students should discuss their planning of the Creative Music Media minor program with a music mentor. For music majors, this minor program allows a second area of focus.

Music Minor

The music minor is designed for students who are interested in supplementing their undergraduate experience with music and whose association with the department of music forms a crucial component of their undergraduate degree. The curriculum includes some core courses shared with all tracks of the music major, which provide comprehensive study of skills-based musicianship, music theory, history, the study of diverse music cultures, and performance.