

# THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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## Mission of the Department

The Department of Music educates musicians by combining a thorough, diverse professional training with a sound general education. The MSU Billings Department of Music stresses high standards of performance, a strong theoretical background, production, composition, a broad exposure to music history, opportunities in pedagogy, and a significant encounter with other academic disciplines.

## Program Choices

The varied functions of music in the world today present many interesting and challenging opportunities to students as teachers, performers, creative artists, and employees in the music industry. Because of the many opportunities available to students, the faculty of the Department of Music has established a program of training which allows first year students to determine the course of study they may wish to follow. Through an emphasis in music history and theory, as well as instruction in performance participation in various ensembles, students are prepared for graduate study, performance, studio teaching, teaching in the public schools, and employment in the field of music.

## Accreditation

The Department of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

## Advising Information

Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to confirm that their plan of study is accurate and complete. If necessary, changes and updates should be made in order to ensure that program requirements can be completed in a timely manner. In addition, advisors provide assistance in selecting elective courses which support the students' interests, career plans, and plan of study.

Academic advising services for all freshmen Liberal Arts and Social Sciences majors are provided through the Advising Center on McMullen Hall first floor west. Upon declaring a specific major, Liberal Arts and Social Science majors will be assigned to a faculty advisor in their department for upper-division advising. Although advisors are available to assist students in designing their Plans of Study, students are ultimately responsible for meeting degree requirements, and should regularly consult the Music Major Handbook.

- Commercial Music Bachelor of Arts Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-music/ba-commercial-music/>)
- Music Performance Bachelor of Arts Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-music/ba-music-performance/>)
- Music Teaching Licensure Option Bachelor of Arts Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-music/ba-music-teaching-licensure-option/>)
- Music Minor \*Program placed on moratorium\* (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-music/minor-music/>)