The bachelor of arts in music degree lays a strong foundation to prepare its graduates for a variety of music-related professions and advanced music study in graduate school. Courses are offered in performance, ensembles, music theory, history, composition, ethnomusicology, and electronic and computer music. Students also have the opportunity to take individual performance lessons and participate in ensembles. Graduates leave the program with fundamental knowledge to engage with music meaningfully.

Visit the program website (https://corcoran.gwu.edu/music/) for more information.

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052
Contact for questions: gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationstext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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Electives

15 credits in courses in the following groupings: MUS 1100-1199, MUS 2100-2199, MUS 3100-3199, and MUS 4100-4199. These are to include (1) a maximum of 6 credits in courses in the MUS 1100-1199 grouping, and (2) a minimum of 3 credits in the 3100-3199 or 4100-4199 groupings.

4 credits in courses selected from the following groupings: MUS 1000-1099 (ensembles), MUS 1500-1599, MUS 2000-2099, and MUS 2500-2599 (private study).

6 credits in unrestricted electives selected from courses offered by the Music Department.

Senior Experience

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All majors are expected to attend departmental lectures, master classes, and concerts, as appropriate.

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean’s Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.
Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors in music, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average in music courses and at least a 3.0 average overall. The student must complete the required senior independent project for at least 3 credits with a minimum grade of A-. 

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