MUSIC EDUCATION

“My professors are incredibly impressive, cool, and brilliant people. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with and be challenged by them!”

Roxanne Fairchild
BM, Music Education, Flute
Hometown: Vancouver, Washington

Music education students at the University of Washington enjoy in-depth musical study with world class artist-teachers with a range of strengths and areas of interest.

OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the program enjoy opportunities to conduct school bands, choirs, and orchestras throughout their course of study. They are engaged in school-based teaching projects in the community. Students interested in the science of music may conduct research through the program's interdisciplinary Laboratory for Music Cognition, Culture, and Learning, which annually hosts visiting scholars in the field of music cognition to work with students in seminar and lecture settings. Students benefit from the program's close relationship with UW Ethnomusicology, studying world music as an integral part of a program leading to an all-level (K-12) certification as a specialist in instrumental, vocal and general music education.
DEGREE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate degrees in Music Education prepare students to teach at the primary and secondary levels. At the graduate level, the School of Music offers both a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degree for individuals seeking advanced professional development or pursuing a career in higher education. Concentrations include choral and instrumental teaching/conducting, music for children, and numerous other areas of musical and educational study.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

In addition to degree programs, the UW offers several ways to achieve teacher certification. Each of the programs listed leads to a teaching license in the State of Washington.

- Post Baccalaureate (BM) Certification, Instrumental or Vocal Emphasis
- Master of Arts (MA) plus Certification

Students enrolled in other graduate programs throughout the School of Music may also include teacher certification in their coursework.

Our Music Education FAQ answers many common questions about Certification Programs and Graduate Study.

STUDENT SUPPORT

In addition to student support distributed by the University of Washington's financial aid office, the School of Music distributes more than a half million dollars annually in merit- and need-based student support. Graduate teaching assistantships are highly competitive and are granted in all areas of study.

HOW TO APPLY

For more information, contact SoMadmit@uw.edu

FACULTY IN THIS AREA

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **THEME Lecture: John Roeder** - Nov 30 - 3:30pm
- **Fall 2019 Entrance & Scholarship Auditions** - Jan 26
- **Fall 2019 Entrance & Scholarship Auditions** - Feb 9
- **Fall 2019 Entrance & Scholarship Auditions** - Feb 23

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fall 2018 Faculty Notes** (Oct 15, 2018)
- **THEME colloquium gets under way Oct. 5** (Oct 4, 2018)
- **Musical Gifts: Priceless music in 2018-19** (Sep 5, 2018)
- **Going Live: UW Music 2018-19 Concert Season** (Sep 5, 2018)
- **Tenth annual World Music Pedagogy course under way June 25-29 at UW** (Jun 18, 2018)

RELATED RESEARCH

- **University of Washington Chorale, Resonant Streams: Choral Music from Sun to Sea**. Giselle Wyers, director; CD, 2018