Music Education

- Music Education student Bethany Grant Rodrigues leads the Music at Laurelhurst program (photo: Steve Korn)
- Music Education faculty and students from the Laboratory for Music Cognition, Culture & Learning (MCCL)
- Students of Music Ed student Matt Swanson created cigar box guitars in a hands-on project at their University-area school.
- UW Music Education student working with school children in the Yakima Valley in 2009.
- Music Education students teaching Musico Grato, a visiting school group from Himi, Japan

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

Steven J. Morrison
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Upcoming Events

- Fall 2018 Entrance & Scholarship Auditions  -  Feb 10
- Fall 2018 Entrance & Scholarship Auditions  -  Feb 24

More events

News & Announcements

- Faculty Update: Fall 2017 (Oct 13, 2017)
- Student and Alumni Update: Fall 2017 (Oct 13, 2017)
- Congrats, 2017 UW Music graduates! (Jun 19, 2017)
- Registration open for 2017 Smithsonian World Music Pedagogy Workshop (Feb 1, 2017)
- Winter 2017 Faculty Notes (Jan 25, 2017)
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