



WASHINGTON
&
JEFFERSON
COLLEGE

Music

Music is an integral part of a liberal arts education and vital to campus life at W&J. Our academic courses challenge students from all majors to think, speak, and write effectively about music. Our performance ensembles include choral, jazz, wind and chamber, and our program of instrumental and vocal instruction offers students private lessons with exceptional performers drawn from across the region. Students typically find that the skills emphasized in music (such as creativity, listening, and collaboration) are transferable to most disciplines and professions.

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Major Requirements

MUS 101 Introduction to Global Music
MUS 110 Survey of Western Music History
MUS 205 Music Theory 1
MUS 206 Music Theory 2
MUS 306 Music Theory 3
MUS 401 Senior Capstone

One course from the following:

MUS 311 Baroque and Classical Styles
MUS 312 Age of Romanticism
MUS 313 Modern and Post-Modern Era

Three courses from the following:

MUS 221/321, 241/341, 245/345, 251/351,
261/361, 270/370, 281/381, 282/382 (at least
two of those at the 300-level)

Four semesters of the same W&J ensemble
and four semesters of applied study in a
single area (voice or instrument)

Minor Requirements

MUS 101 Introduction to Global Music
MUS 110 Survey of Western Music History
MUS 205 Music Theory 1

Two courses from offerings numbered 211
and above, one at the 300-level

Four semesters of the same W&J ensemble
or four semesters of applied study in a single
area (voice or instrument) or two semesters
of applied study with two semesters of MUS
307 Composition; successful completion
of a senior music project (recital, paper or
presentation)

A full list of courses and descriptions can be
found online in the College catalog.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research,
internships, conferences, and networking beyond
the classroom that give them an advantage to
prepare for life after W&J.

Performance Opportunities

- Wind Ensemble
- Choir
- Camerata Singers (audition required)
- Jazz Ensemble
- Chamber Music Ensemble
- Jay-Birds (student led a cappella group)

All W&J students are welcome in ensembles.

Careers

- Music Education
- Recording & Producing
- Writing & Journalism
- Music Therapy
- Public Relations & Marketing
- Performance & Conducting
- Entertainment Law
- Composition & Songwriting

Alumni Achievements

- Intellectual Property Lawyer
- Music Therapist
- Arts Administrator
- Church Choir Director
- Member of NIH Philharmonia
- Member of the NEH Orchestra