If you love music and think you want to take it to a professional level — perform, compose, conduct or teach — UW-Eau Claire is the place for you! Known as “Wisconsin’s Singing University,” UW-Eau Claire’s department of music and theatre arts features a distinctive and supportive environment for the study of music.

UW-Eau Claire boasts the largest undergrad music program in the UW System. We are home to the nation’s largest Division III marching band, the largest jazz festival in the nation, 375+ music majors, 160+ concerts/events each year and hundreds of students who just love to develop their musical talent.

Majors
- Music - Liberal Arts

Comprehensive majors (no minor required)
- Music - Theory
- Music - Piano Performance
- Music - Piano Pedagogy
- Music - Applied Instrumental
- Music - Collaborative Piano
- Music - Instrumental and General Music Teaching
- Music History - Liberal Arts
- Music - Composition
- Music - Choral and General Music Teaching
- Music - Applied Voice

Minor
- Music - Liberal Arts

Certificate
- Fine Arts Administration

Where you'll find our grads
- Trumpet performer, Broadway musicals
- Singer, Ball in the House, Dorchester, MA
- Trumpet soloist, Glenn Miller Productions, Inc., Maitland, FL
- Musician, Chanticleer Singing Group
- Educators in Public Schools, Chippewa Falls Schools, Chippewa Falls, WI

Prepared for Success
Typical positions held by music graduates include professional performer as a soloist or with an ensemble, composer, arranger, conductor, music educator, or church musician.

Why UW-Eau Claire

“My most indelible memories of my time at UWEC are all connected in some way to the fine arts building.”
— Barry Anderson, ’00, music education, Broadway performer and composer

Rankings / Reputation / Well-funded programs
Several UW-Eau Claire ensembles have acquired national and international reputations. Jazz Ensemble I is a six-time winner of Down Beat magazine’s Best College Big Band award and has been nominated for two Grammys. The department also has been recognized by the New York Times as having one of the best jazz studies program in the country!

Scholarships
Be sure to check out the web sites for some great scholarships:
Admission scholarships (link)
Music scholarships (link)

Hands-On Experience
Students have ample opportunities to perform in a wide variety of bands and ensembles. Students have the opportunity to take on leadership roles in productions like the long-running Cabaret, that is student...
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directed. Other opportunities include the Blugold Marching Band and students organizations that are associated with professional organizations with a national affiliation. Each year the department presents more than 160 concerts and recitals, including the ever-popular Viennese Ball and Holiday Concert.

Faculty Experts

Our outstanding faculty, performers, composers and music educators are proud of the individual attention they give their students. You’ll learn in small class settings and get lots of one-on-one attention from professors who inspire learning and truly want you to succeed. There are also numerous faculty-student collaborative research opportunities.

Going Global

Music ensembles have performed from coast to coast in the U.S., toured Europe, traveled to China and even performed for Pope Benedict XVI and an estimated crowd of 100,000 people in Rome.

Suggested Freshman Curriculum

• Written and aural theory
• Private lessons in an instrument or voice
• Music ensemble
• Group piano, if needed
• General electives

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

All undergraduate music majors complete a core of course work in music theory, music history, music literature and conducting. Music majors also study an instrument or voice and participate in an ensemble throughout their degree program. Large and small ensembles offer opportunities to perform diverse styles and traditions of music.

Special Admission Guidelines

In addition to UW-Eau Claire admission requirements, students enrolling as a music major or minor are required to successfully complete an audition for instrument or voice and a piano placement examination prior to enrolling. Audition information and scheduling is available on the department website.