

MUSIC EDUCATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Capital's Music Education program is thoughtfully designed to create a specialized and personalized curriculum that prepares students to teach any type of music in any type of school. The well-rounded program consists of two emphasis areas: instrumental and vocal, but a holistic approach is applied to each track so that students are prepared in all areas of teaching. Extensive field experience is a hallmark of the program; starting the second year, students will be placed in area schools yearly for a hands-on approach to learning. A newly refocused curriculum means students are learning the latest teaching techniques and most up to date concepts. Outstanding conducting, musicianship, and methods classes also ensure students will be confident, prepared, and able to succeed in the field of education.

CAREERS AND PLACEMENT

A degree in Music Education prepares students for teaching, but graduates have also gone on to graduate studies, careers in business education and leadership, and performance. While Ohio is the most common destination, Capital graduates are currently teaching in different places throughout the country.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"Something special about Capital's Music Education is how early you get to go out into the field and have real life teaching experiences. Many other institutions will wait to send you out until your junior year, but Capital's program has you working with elementary and middle school students in the spring of your sophomore year. This is just one of the many special things about Capital's Music Education program!"

– Julia Viger, 2021 graduate

"In the Music Education track at Capital, you're really encouraged to be yourself. You're provided with the tools necessary to develop your own distinct philosophy of teaching so that you can be both an effective educator and rehearsal leader."

– Jace Nguyen, 2022 graduate

CONSERVATORY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate the application of technical skills and music analysis in interpreting music
- Contextualize and/or communicate music through the lens of current and past cultures and societies
- Develop, practice, and implement professional knowledge
- Articulate musical knowledge through speaking, writing, and critical listening

WHAT ARE OUR GRADS DOING NOW?

- Elementary, Middle School, or High School General Music Educator
- Elementary, Middle School, or High School Instrumental Music Educator
- Elementary, Middle School, or High School Vocal Music Educator
- Pursuing a master's degree in music or another area of study

SAMPLE COURSES

- Elementary, Middle, and High School Methods
- Choral Methods
- Instrumental Methods
- Conducting and Advanced Conducting
- Marching and Jazz Methods

Your four year course schedule will be discussed with your academic advisor at summer orientation

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CONSERVATORY ADMISSION AND AUDITION

Admission into this program will require you to complete a two-part process to gain admittance to both Capital University and the Conservatory of Music. Once you are academically admitted to Capital, you will be required to participate in an audition with your specific instrument or in your area of interest. This will help the Conservatory determine your musical qualifications and placement.

ABOUT CAPITAL'S CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

For more than 100 years, the Conservatory at Capital University has been preparing students for a wide range of music careers. Whether you aspire to be a performer, conductor, a music business entrepreneur, or an educator to a new generation of musicians, you'll find at home at the Conservatory. The prestige and depth of our programs is what makes us distinct. To ensure that you'll have opportunities to practice and share your talent, the Conservatory sponsors more than 200 events each year, many of which are free and open to the public.

