Commitment to Excellence
Studying keyboard at UNI offers an exceptional musical training in an artist-nurturing environment. Music majors study weekly with experienced professional faculty artists, and combine their studies with practical experience in one or more of UNI’s exemplary music ensembles.

The Professional Advantage
UNI’s keyboard faculty have won many prizes at international competitions and are in high demand internationally as accomplished performers, scholars, adjudicators and pedagogues. Because the members of the piano faculty share specialties in solo and collaborative piano, as well as piano pedagogy, students are able to gain broad expertise within the area. The organ faculty offer instruction for both organists and pianists in solo performance, improvisation, sacred music skills and continuo.

Students receive weekly private lessons, with piano or organ studio classes, keyboard departmental performances, juries and student recitals supplementing the experience. Faculty and guest artist recitals and masterclasses, like the recent appearances by such great artists as László Fassang on organ, and pianists Alexander Korsantia, Arthur Greene and Scott McBride Smith, provide further enrichment.
A Wealth of Opportunities

Alumni pianists and organists have repeatedly distinguished themselves locally, nationally and internationally in young artist solo and concerto competitions. Students also have ample opportunity to perform collaboratively in recitals with their colleagues and instrumental and choral ensembles. Those students interested in teaching also have access and support to develop as a pedagogue: teaching music major and non-music major group piano classes, teaching Recreational Music-Making classes, participating in service-learning projects and teaching privately through UNI’s Community Music School.

Students are drawn to the School of Music by its illustrious faculty, the reputation of its students and the beautiful Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, featuring world-class pianos, a 38-rank Wolff tracker organ, a harpsichord and a 19th-century harmonium. Students come from around the world to study here, lending an international atmosphere to the student body.

Degree Programs and Curriculum

For those wishing to major in music education, UNI consistently ranks at the top. Job placement rates for our graduates remain at nearly 100 percent, reflecting UNI’s strong national standing as a teacher-education institution. For a student wishing to double major with another area, the Bachelor of Arts degree is an option. Degrees available to students in the Keyboard Division include Bachelor of Music in Performance, Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Bachelor of Arts in Music, Master of Music in Performance and Master of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy.

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