Music Education at UNI

The music education program at UNI is known for its excellence in teacher preparation. The quality level of musicianship, the extensive field experiences in local schools prior to the student teaching semesters and the breadth of educational coursework in the College of Education all add up to a well-prepared graduate. Approximately 65 percent of the students in the UNI School of Music are pursuing a Bachelors of Music in Music Education degree.

UNI’s music education degree programs offer:

- 100% job placement for decades
- Teacher preparation with music educators who are known for their excellence in teaching, methodology and research
- Applied study with instrumental and voice faculty who perform regularly around the world
- Music Education courses all taught by our full-time faculty
- 14 large ensemble participation opportunities to connect students in artistic and professional performance communities
- International touring experience with a variety of performing ensembles
- 40+ full-time faculty who actively teach, research, conduct and perform

Field Experience

Field experience provides opportunities for teaching, learning, conducting, rehearsing and classroom management in practical situations within the context of the music classroom

- 80 hours of field experience in local schools prior to student teaching
- Teaching experience in urban, rural and suburban settings at the elementary and secondary levels
Student Teaching
- Students may student teach anywhere: Iowa, out-of-state, or internationally
- Out-of-state experiences have recently included Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado and Texas.
- International teaching experiences have occurred in Japan, Italy, Germany, Australia, South America, Egypt and a host of other sites
- Students are observed during their student teaching by both College of Education faculty and School of Music faculty

Master’s Degree Studies
- UNI offers both a full-time on-campus as well as a part-time distance learning program to be completed over 2.5 years to obtain the Master of Music in Music Education degree
- Assistantships and/or scholarships may be available for those pursuing the on-campus degree
- 300 Iowa teachers have participated in the Master of Music in Music Education degree program offered through distance education

Course of Study
The Bachelor of Music in Music Education includes a choice of three specializations (K-12 Choral/General, K-12 Instrumental/General, and K-12 Jazz/General), all of which include courses in applied music (private lessons), music theory, aural training, sight singing, music history, conducting, music ensembles, music education methods, pedagogy and professional education courses, as well as Liberal Arts Core courses.

Learn about our faculty at music.uni.edu/directory