



University of  
Northern Iowa.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SCHOOL OF MUSIC



MASTER

tomorrow

FORGE YOUR OWN  
PATH TO THE FUTURE

# School of Music

## Graduate Programs

### PROGRAM DETAILS

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In-person  
courses on  
the UNI  
campus

Graduate  
assistantships  
and  
scholarships  
may be  
available

### OVERVIEW

Advance your music career with one of our specialized graduate programs. Our internationally-known faculty, outstanding facilities (including five performance halls and two state-of-the-art buildings), and small student to faculty ratio allow for a highly-specialized educational experience and extraordinary leadership opportunities for every student.

▼ **Leading Program** - The UNI School of Music is regarded as one of the finest music programs in the Midwest and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

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▼ **Top-Notch Facilities** - Our program is home to state-of-the-art facilities, including recording studios, performance and practice spaces, editing labs and more.

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▼ **Scholarships** - The UNI School of Music awards \$400,000 in scholarships to our students each year – helping our students pursue their degrees affordably.

### GRADUATE OUTCOMES

Our recent graduates have found success in a variety of career paths including positions such as music educator, band/orchestra/choir conductor, performer, composer, arranger, and historian.



## **Music Composition (MM)**

In our Music Composition Master of Music Program, you'll receive individualized instruction, opportunities to have your works performed each semester, and outstanding training in music technology, music theory and analysis, and music literature. This program is offered with a thesis/recital option only. Opportunities for electives and applied study will also enhance your experience and build your skills.

## **Music Conducting (MM)**

Benefit from expansive performance opportunities and receive comprehensive scholarly training in score study, music literature, history, theory and analysis. Our Music Conducting Master of Music students receive individualized instruction with our graduate conducting faculty (instrumental and choral), along with ample podium time with university ensembles such as choral ensembles, symphony orchestra, symphonic band, wind symphony, and others. This program is offered on the thesis/recital option only.

## **Music History (MM)**

The Master of Music in Music History program provides exceptional training in music history and literature to prepare you for the job market and to continue further your career. You'll enhance your research and writing skills, and continue to develop your own comprehensive knowledge of musicology. This is a thesis-only program and includes courses focusing on musical analysis, music theory, musicology, music history and culture, and research.



## Music Performance (MM)

Offered in two areas of specialization, the Master of Music in Performance provides exceptional graduate-level training in performance, with a focus on individual applied study with our expert faculty. Students can earn their graduate degree in either Voice or Wind/Percussions/Keyboard/Strings. In both of these thesis/recital-only programs, you'll have outstanding performance opportunities in solo and ensemble settings while advancing your comprehensive knowledge of music through study of music theory, history and analysis. Our alums are frequently accepted into prestigious summer festivals and young artist programs, and enjoy successful careers as performers and educators.

## Piano Performance and Pedagogy (MM)

Our Piano Performance and Pedagogy Master of Music program provides exceptional training in performance, with a focus on individual applied study with our expert faculty, along with extensive training in piano pedagogy -- allowing you to teach at all levels. You'll receive hands-on teaching experiences through internships and have outstanding performance opportunities. With both a thesis/full recital and non-thesis/half solo recital and pedagogy project options, our program includes courses focusing on: musical analysis, music theory, musicology, music history and culture, piano, performance literature, pedagogy, and music learning and motivation.



**“UNI’s Music Performance graduate program prepared me to excel in my current profession. From voice lessons and coachings, to the vocal pedagogy course I took, they all, in some way, helped me learn how to effectively teach my students.”**

**- ELIZABETH WILEY, MUSIC PERFORMANCE: VOICE MM 2020**

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## **Jazz Pedagogy (MM)**

As a student in our Master of Music in Jazz Pedagogy program, you’ll receive individualized instruction with our jazz faculty, outstanding performance opportunities, and pedagogical coursework and teaching experience with big bands and combos. Our program provides you with extensive training in skills including jazz composition, arranging and improvisation, and rhythm section instruments; and comprehensive knowledge of music theory and analysis, and music literature. This program is offered on the thesis/recital option only.

## **Music (MA)**

Designed for those interested in an academic degree in music, you’ll enjoy a highly-specialized experience and extraordinary opportunities to build your skills and experiences through our Music Master of Arts program. Offered with both thesis and non-thesis options, our program includes the following core course topics: music theory and analysis, musical analysis, musicology, and music history and culture. You’ll also choose from a variety of elective options to further tailor your degree.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit your official transcripts
- 2.75 is the minimum GPA to be accepted without provision; applicants with a GPA lower than 2.75 may still be admitted provisionally, at the discretion of the program and the Division of Graduate Studies
- Bachelor's degree in Music or a demonstrated equivalent
- Prospects should have attained a high degree of proficiency in one or more of the following areas: performance, theory-composition, music education, or music history.
- Complete the UNI application for admission and include the following:
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Statement of goals/objectives
  - Resume or CV
  - Area-specific requirements as noted on [music.uni.edu/graduate-admissions](https://music.uni.edu/graduate-admissions)
- Complete the School of Music Graduate Studies Application form
- Submit your audition video

## NEXT START TERM

Applications are considered for Fall and Spring admission.

Visit the program website for application and financial aid deadlines.

### Program Coordinator

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