The degree in music education is offered with two concentrations: instrumental/general music K-12 and choral/general. The instrumental/general concentration requires that a student be admitted via audition on an orchestral or band instrument; the choral/general concentration requires that a student be admitted in voice, piano, or organ. Completion of the degree in music education culminates in eligibility for state licensure in the concentration area.

The College of Liberal Arts Advantage: More Than a Major
When you study Music Education at the University of Minnesota, you gain the added advantage of a College of Liberal Arts education. At CLA, the liberal arts mean you get more than just a degree in one major or another; it means you will be exposed to different areas of study, to different ways of thinking and learning. In fact, the liberal arts teach you how to learn—how to ask the right questions, how to problem solve, and how to innovate. The liberal arts prepare students for the complexities of our world, because here at CLA you will study not just, say, politics or art but also where politics and art intersect, where science and ethics intersect, where economics and the environment intersect.

Student Experiences

Internships: Gain Valuable Experience in the Twin Cities and Beyond
Did you know? CLA Career Services has its very own internship reflection course!
Students taking an internship can use this course to reflect on ways that their work experience is preparing them for successful careers - and receive credit for the work.

Learning Abroad: Prepare to Lead in a Global Economy

Learn more about study abroad for Music Education majors.

Undergraduate Research: Turn Curiosity into New Knowledge

The School of Music offers facilities and research centers with resources for students focused on collaborative academic research, exploration, and learning. Discover the latest in faculty and student publications and recordings and keep on top of the latest School of Music research news and events.

Student Organizations: Find Friends and Grow as a Leader

- CNAfME: U of M Chapter

Meet Our Alumni

CLA Graduates: Successful Careers and Purposeful Lives

CLA graduates succeed in many different careers — law, health care, medicine, business, government, teaching, advertising, arts and entertainment, international relations, and more — precisely because they understand how to navigate a complex and interconnected world. As our alumni explain below, “Being a good employee means being curious, and continuing to evolve, and learn, and educate yourself, and I can think of no stronger foundation for doing that than a liberal arts education.”

“An education in the liberal arts is a springboard to lifelong career success”
-- Dean John Coleman
You might also explore

Early Childhood
Elementary Education Foundations
Music
Music Therapy
Theatre Arts

Associated Careers

Broadcast and Sound Engineering Technicians; Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers; Librarians; Musicians and Singers; Recreational Therapists

Admission Information

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TRANSFER STUDENTS: Requirements for the College of Liberal Arts

Beyond admission, if you have questions about transferring, the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) has transfer advisors to help. Please feel free to contact them about any of the topics below:

• Course plans before transferring
• Estimated time to graduation
• Career preparation in CLA
• Getting ready for orientation, if admitted
• Connecting with major/minor departments