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Our B.A. program is for students who wish to major in music within a broad liberal arts degree program.

Our B.Mus. in performance program is a professional degree program in which music courses make up approximately 75 percent of the program.

The College of Liberal Arts Advantage: More Than a Major
When you study Music 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.

Meet Our Students
Seongkyeong Kim (DMA, piano, student of Paul Shaw) was recently selected to participate in the Art of the Piano festival at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music from May 25–June 15, 2019.

Read more about Seongkyeong's story, and learn more about our undergraduate program.

Student Experiences

Learning Abroad: Prepare to Lead in a Global Economy

Learn more about study abroad for Music 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

• Sigma Alpha Iota
• Tau Beta Sigma

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.

Meet Our Faculty

Sumanth Gopinath, associate professor of music theory, discusses the new sources and insights on Reich revealed in his book Rethinking Reich, co-edited with Pwyll ap Siôn.

Read more about Professor Gopinath's work.

Meet Our Alumni

School of Music vocal arts alumna Anne Wieben is a professional opera singer based in Vienna, Austria and the founder and creative director of Opera on the Lake.

Read more about Anne's story.

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

Music Education
Music Therapy

Associated Careers

Archivists; Arts Administrators; Broadcast and Sound Engineering Technicians; Composers; Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers; Historians; Musicians and Singers

Admission Information
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