

# Music

## at Coastal Carolina University

### What does a music major study?

Through diversity of course offerings and performance opportunities, the Department of Music provides a wealth of musical experiences for students of any major. The central focus of the Department is the synergy between exploration of the arts and the preparation of students who seek professional careers in the creation and interpretation of music. Deeply related to that focus is the Department's commitment to elevate and sustain a study of music both as a necessary mode of understanding and a vibrant expression of the human experience. Successful candidates earn the Bachelor of Arts in music degree with an emphasis in winds, brass, percussion, string instrument, piano, or voice.

### Why study music at Coastal Carolina?

- Students who are pursuing teaching certification can enter the MAT program - a graduate option for students with a completed bachelor's degree in music with emphasis in teacher preparation.
- All majors can participate in a variety of ensembles including concert choir, chamber choir, Pop 101, gospel choir, wind and percussion ensembles, symphonic band, pep band, Jazz After Hours - CCU's big band, steel drum ensemble, The Coastal Consort, saxophone ensemble, and university orchestra.
- The Spirit of the Chanticleer Marching Band is open to all majors and performs regularly at home and away football games, parades, and festivals, and accepts invitations to perform at high school marching band exhibitions.
- Marching band performance scholarships are available for participating members.
- Music majors are eligible for the Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship. Scholarships are available to students who demonstrate outstanding abilities in music and present SAT scores of at least 1000 or ACT scores of 21 and have a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Auditions are required for entry into the degree program as well as for those individuals seeking scholarship opportunities.

### What are some career options for music majors?

- Performance/Professional Artists
- Teaching
- Composition/Music Editing/Arranging
- Broadcasting/Recording Engineering/Sound Reengineering
- Arts Administration
- Music Publishing

### What kinds of courses do music majors take?

MUS 115	Introduction to Music Theory
MUS 117	Ear Training and Sight Singing
MUS 175	Class Piano
MUS 253	History of Western Music
MUS 333	Conducting I
	Ensemble and Individual Applied Study in Music

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