



CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY  
OF EDMONTON



Discover Your  
**Bachelor**  
**of Arts**  
in Music

# MUSIC

## Program Overview

Our music program will lay the groundwork for future practice in broad areas of the field including studio teaching, performance, music therapy, arts administration, and ensemble playing. Our program will give you a solid, comprehensive foundation in three areas: performance through vocal and instrumental ensembles and studio practice; history and literature through classroom study of selected repertoire from different eras and styles; and theory and composition through music analysis, writing, and ear training.

**3-year BA:** This degree will provide you with an excellent general education as well as a solid background in the core areas of Music. It's a great choice if you are planning to earn another degree or diploma in a related field such as education, or if you require a Bachelor's degree in order to start your career.

**4-year BA:** In our 4-year program, students are provided with an in-depth education in the area of music, choosing a primary instrument to focus their studies on and joining a performing ensemble if so desired. There is greater focus placed on theory, ear training and performance. Students are also given the opportunity to enrol in many different music courses offered by the Fine Arts Department. Our capstone courses, with an applied or project-base focus, offer students the opportunity to tailor the program to their unique career interests.

We offer one of the most active ensemble environments for a Canadian university of this size, encompassing three choirs, four levels of band, a full symphony orchestra, chamber music, and two handbell ensembles. CUE's Faculty of Music offers a wide range of courses centered around classical music. Students will experience and benefit from private instruction in voice, piano, classical guitar, saxophone, strings, brass, woodwinds, organ, and percussion. Concordia offers Canada's only post-secondary private instruction in handbell performance.

Music at CUE also offers **two certificate programs** that can be completed alongside a 4-year BA degree or as a program that can be enrolled in after a BA or a BMus program. These are a **Church Music Certificate**, and a **Vocal Pedagogy and Performance Certificate**.

## Career Options

A Bachelor of Arts degree in history is one of the most versatile and applicable degrees available. The focus on research, analytical thinking, and

communication skills give you the tools to stand apart from your peers and create your own career in any number of fields. Some History degree career paths include:

Vocal Coach	Lyricist
Instrumentalist	Composer
Music Teacher	Producer
Conductor	Sound Designer

## Admission Requirements

Interested? You'll need to present a 60% average, with a passing grade in the following required high school courses:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Three subjects from Groups A, B or C\*
- One subject from Group A, B, C or D

*\* Maximum of two subjects from Group B, each must be distinct.*

**There are no auditions required for entrance into CUE's Music programs**

## Interesting Courses

**MUS 295 - Introduction to Music Therapy:** Learn how music can be used as a valuable tool to help people through the prescribed, structured use of music to restore, maintain and/or improve individuals' physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and psychological well-being. This course is of interest to those working with individuals with special needs.

**MUS 315 – Arranging:** An introduction to arranging techniques based on traditional models, including scoring, harmonization, instrumentation, and orchestration.

**MUS 316 - Composition:** Compositional techniques of the twentieth and twenty-first century.

**MUS 321 - Introduction to Conducting:** Conducting skills including baton technique, preparation, downbeat, releases, beat patterns, musical style, fermatas, cues, left hand independence, tempo changes, score preparation, instrumental and choral rehearsal techniques are studied.

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