Music ... and more.

At the College of Music, we’re dedicated to inspiring artistry and discovery. Our students gain more than a music education—we offer a multidisciplinary, innovative approach to music that integrates advanced musical training with professionally oriented experiences.

The result? Student success.

Award-winning professional performers, published scholars and composers, and deeply dedicated pedagogues, College of Music faculty members are committed to helping students develop their talents and succeed in their musical endeavors.

Meet our faculty:

Michael Batson
Choral music education ‘23

“I think the strongest part of our education program is our professors. They are so passionate about music education and have such great experience in the field. They want the very best for all of us and want to see us be successful.”

Isabella Fincher
Guitar performance ‘23

“Professor Spera is a supportive and enthusiastic mentor who pushes students to improve technically while also staying playful and creative in their music.”

Rose Hansen
Bassoon performance with a minor in ecology & evolutionary biology ‘23

“All students here have private lessons, performance opportunities and access to a state-of-the-art recording studio. In addition, we have student support groups like the Diverse Musicians’ Alliance that ensure that students succeed, and that the conversations we have about important issues like equity and inclusion get turned into action.”

Meet our students:

340 undergraduate students

75% of required music classes have fewer than 20 students

8:1 student-to-faculty ratio

20%+ pursue majors in addition to music

30 ensembles in a variety of genres

99% job placement of BME students

30+ Grammy awards & nominations
Performance ... and beyond.

**Music Education**

Learn the tools to share your passion for music with the next generation of musicians, observe experienced teachers and practice your own teaching skills in local schools.

- The Bachelor of Music Education is the only undergraduate music degree that leads to state licensure to teach in public schools—earn a K–12 teaching license in specialized degree tracks: choral, instrumental, choral-general or instrumental-general. Colorado K–12 teaching license holders can receive reciprocal licensure throughout the United States.
- Music education majors also study with applied faculty on their major instrument, and perform in solo recitals and ensembles.

**Composition**

Work closely with composition faculty members and the best acoustic musicians in Colorado, and experience your music performed in our new music series.

- Our Department of Composition is a tight-knit, creative community—all our students are encouraged to pursue their individual interests, from concert music to collaborations of all types across a wide range of aesthetics.

Pursue your music technology interests with either a bachelor’s degree or a certificate in conjunction with study of your applied instrument, and collaborate in state-of-the-art computing labs and a brand new recording facility in our expanded Imig Music Building.

- Our Music Technology Program offers access to multimedia facilities and a large suite of music applications.
- In addition to exclusively electro-acoustic performance opportunities, hundreds of College of Music performances integrate electronics and music technology. Performances often bring together undergraduate, graduate and faculty performers, plus technical consultants and collaborators from across campus and surrounding communities.

**Music Technology**

**Career support.**

**Entrepreneurship Center for Music (ECM)**

Leverage one-on-one career mentoring, attend workshops with industry experts and pursue the certificate in music entrepreneurship, which includes a business minor.

Our Entrepreneurship Center for Music (ECM) leads the nation in professional development for musicians. As one of the first such programs in the country, the ECM is an entrepreneurial endeavor, developing new paradigms for education, leadership and advocacy in the emerging field of arts entrepreneurship.

**Musicians’ Wellness Program (MWP)**

Study the Alexander Technique and body mapping to prevent and recover from injury, and benefit from one-on-one consultations for students experiencing difficulty in singing or playing their instrument(s) due to misuse, injury, anxiety or physical tension.

Developed by Professor James Brody, our Musicians’ Wellness Program supports lifelong musicianship through somatic education. Explore additional supports for students, including mental health services and physical therapy.

**Alumni Mentorship**

Network with alumni who have positions in orchestras, at universities, as arts administrators and more.

We’re proud of our thriving alumni program that connects music Buffs and supports career development.
Diversity, Equity + Inclusion

Higher education and the arts are beacons of progress in times of social change, and the College of Music is poised to contribute to that story.

Diverse Musicians’ Alliance (DiMA)

At the College of Music, we cultivate a community of belonging, and a culture that promotes diversity and inclusion by empowering underrepresented artists.

Undergraduate development funds

The College of Music designates funding to connect students to professional-level training and experiences. Every year, a number of our students are awarded financial support to study, perform and present nationally and internationally at high-level competitions, camps and conferences.

Chamber Music Program

Experience weekly coachings, perform in a showcase concert and engage with the greater community.

Participants in our Chamber Music Program work in small ensembles, studying and exploring chamber works together. The skills you’ll develop through chamber music study will help you in all of other scholastic endeavors, musical and beyond.

DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts degrees (BA)
Bachelor of Music degrees (BM)
Bachelor of Music Education degrees (BME)
Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Music Education dual degrees (BM/BME)

CERTIFICATES

Music entrepreneurship
Music technology
Music theory
Singing health specialist
Arts administration

HOW TO APPLY

Keep in mind these four steps to apply to the College of Music:

1. Apply to CU Boulder via the Common Application or transfer application
2. Submit the College of Music application via your CU Boulder application portal
3. Submit pre-screening (select studios)
4. Complete required audition and/or interview

MORE ABOUT AUDITIONS + INTERVIEWS:

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