



## Central to Performing Your Passion.

Central's BA in Music prepares musicians for careers as educators, performers, composers, scholars, and music specialists. Students cultivate artistic leadership skills in their chosen fields. Fostering a lifelong connection and involvement with the art of music, the program is designed to develop aesthetically sensitive musicians with the strong intellectual foundation of a broad liberal arts education.

Music students and faculty contribute to the musical life of the campus and the community through performances on and off campus.

### Program Options

The BA in Music offers 6 different tracks (based on 42 core music credits and an 18 credit concentration):

- Performance
- Music Theory/Composition
- Jazz Studies
- Music Technology
- Music Exploration
- External minor or second major

### Program Features

- Attend full- or part-time
- Classes are on-campus
- Small class sizes
- Our Music Microcomputer Lab is unique in the Northeast area
- Distinguished Music Technology coursework
- Numerous performance opportunities in larger ensembles Band, Jazz Band, Chorale, University Singers, and the new Vocal Jazz
- Students can participate in chamber groups that range from Flute Ensemble to iPad Ensemble
- Faculty are actively engaged in performance and scholarship: our students work with professional performers in all areas and instruments
- Merit scholarships available through the audition process
- Financial aid available
- Free on-campus child care available

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OF MUSIC

Central's Bachelor's in Music programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).



### What You'll Gain

Graduates with a BA in Music should be able to:

- Demonstrate competence in musicianship, to include: aural skills, and knowledge and application of music theory;
- Demonstrate competence in musical performance on his/her primary instrument, with particular emphasis on technical precision; and
- Demonstrate competence in basic piano playing skills.

### Shadow Day and Auditions

Applicants are invited to reach out to the secretary ([music@ccsu.edu](mailto:music@ccsu.edu)) and set up a "shadow day" to meet up with current music majors, sit in on some music classes and/or an ensemble, and meet music faculty.

Auditions are required to be a music major, please reach out to us at [music@ccsu.edu](mailto:music@ccsu.edu) or **860.832.2912**.



What kept me in Central was the academic rigor...they laid the foundation for me as a musician and made me a strong musician that I am today. I am also grateful for the connections that I was able to make at Central both with students and faculty. Anyone Thinking about Central...I can't encourage you enough, at Central that music faculty will make sure that all of you is seen and will do everything in their power to make sure that they do give the best education you can get.

- Marques Ruff  
BA Performance graduate and former member in Chanticleer



### Clubs & Affiliations

- **American Choral Directors Association Student Chapter** inspires excellence in choral music through education, performance, composition, and advocacy. Come share your love of music in a supportive, creative, and dynamic environment!
- **Basketball Band**

### Career Preparation

A BA in Music prepares graduates for a wide range of work positions and opportunities such as:

- Solo, Chamber, and Ensemble Performer
- Member of United State Military Ensembles
- Private Lesson Teacher
- Music Production Assistant
- Music Librarian
- Composer
- Arranger
- Music Director
- and many more



### DID YOU KNOW?

Since the first day of classes in 1849, Central (then called "Connecticut Normal School") has been offering music courses and ensembles.



PROGRAM WEBSITE

### ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

