

Evaluation Report for Program Review Face to Face Meeting University of Wisconsin-Whitewater: Music (BA, BM) Majors and Minors, 2024-2025

Date: 4/10/2025

In Attendance: Interim Provost Robin Fox; Dean Michael Dugan (Arts & Comm); Department Chair/Program Coordinator Glenn Hayes; Christian Ellenwood, Rachel Wood; COAS Assessment Coordinator Brian Schanen; Program Review Team Chair Rachel Chaphalkar; Program Review team members Kathy Brady, and Assessment Representative Katy Casey

Discussion of Review Team's evaluation:

1 – Provide a more detailed description of the current status of program accreditation-specifying the conditions of the deferment.

The program maintains full accreditation through the National Association of Schools of Music. There were two items that accreditation body was monitoring: 1) facilities, and 2) curriculum in the music theory degree. Both of these have been addressed and will be reported to the accreditor in October of 2025.

2 – What data has the program collected and reflected on that justifies creating a post-baccalaureate music licensure program, and Masters Music Education degree?

The program has a number of inquiries for interested students each year (they estimated 5-10 annually). The proposal is for a fully online Masters in Music Education licensure program, which would be asynchronous. There is only one program currently available in system at UW Stevens Point.

3 – Share how the implementation of the revised music education licensure program is going and if any changes will be made based on assessment data or other feedback.

There were revisions made to the curriculum to address the new licensure requirements; specifically, to address pedagogy and increase exposure to various instruments. The program is aware of needed changes to capture the evaluation data collected on a regular basis as students complete the program.

There were concerns noted about University requirements (e.g., General Education electives) that limit the number of courses/credits in the music program. There is a desire for more flexibility in programs being able to select appropriate general education requirements for their students. Without increased flexibility, the students will continue to carry a higher number of credits than what they deem reasonable. The request is for an evaluation of the General Education program to determine if more flexibility can be added for programs that also have to meet licensure and/or accreditation requirements.

Recommended Actions:

Recommended Action #1

The program has a plan in place to assess student learning. However, a thorough review of the data collected has not been summarized and shared. The progress report, and next self-study, should include a summary of the data collected on each SLO with a description of how that data is used to make program decisions (e.g., curricular revisions, changes in course sequence or structure, etc.).

Recommended Action #2

Provide an update on staffing in the department. Are there sufficient numbers of faculty and staff to support the administrative work of the program, including accreditation, assessment, and curricular updates? If staffing needs cannot be addressed, how can this work continue or be improved?

Recommended Result:

Continuation with minor concerns

Next Self-Study and/or Progress Report Due Dates:

- 1 - Next FULL self-study will be due to the Dean on May 1, 2031, and to the Assessment Office on August 1, 2031
- 2 - A progress report on Recommended Action #1 will be due April 1, 2028, to the Dean, and May 1, 2028, to the Assessment Office

For a copy of the full evaluation report and detailed comments, please reach out to the assessment office: assessment@uww.edu.