



University of Wisconsin Whitewater

Academic Assessment

MUSIC BA

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Department of Music is to provide high quality undergraduate education for students preparing to teach, perform, or pursue advanced study through the efforts of faculty committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, creative activities, and service. The Music Department also provides educational programs and cultured enrichment for university students, elementary and secondary students and their teachers, and members of the Whitewater community and the surrounding region.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are statements of what a student will know or be able to do when they have completed a program. They represent the knowledge and skills a program has determined are most important for students to gain from that program. The most useful SLOs are specific and measurable so the program can accurately assess the degree to which students have achieved each outcome, and they align with college and institution mission and values. Data on achievement of SLOs is used to make improvements in the program and increase student success.

Performance and Pedagogy:

- Students will have the technical ability necessary to work independently as a musician and fully express themselves in performance on their primary instrument/voice
- Students will have a broad knowledge of the solo repertoire of their primary instrument/voice and be able to perform competently in multiple styles/genres, alone and in collaboration with other musicians
- Students will be able to sight-read music competently and efficiently
- Students will have a level of competence in keyboard, in singing, and in improvisation appropriate to their future plans as professional musicians
- Students will have the technical command necessary to teach students to perform on their primary instrument/voice
- Students will be capable problem-solvers, making them able to lead a musical rehearsal or performance

Musicianship and Core Knowledge:

- Students will be able to accurately notate melodies and rhythms dictated aurally.
- Students will be able to recognize chords and chord progressions aurally and visually, and will be able to describe how harmonies function in Western tonal music

- Students will be able to describe the overall form in a piece of Western tonal music, verbally and in writing
- Students will have a broad knowledge of Western musical history and styles and of non-Western music, and will be able to recognize these styles and various musical genres aurally and in a musical score
- Students will be able to research and write about a musical topic, using appropriate discipline-specific resources
- Students will be able to read, understand, and interpret a printed musical score
- Students will be able to create their own music, through composition or improvisation