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Entrance Requirements

Music Audition

Official High School Transcripts, including a 12th Grade class schedule if applicable

SAT or ACT Scores

\$25.00 application fee

Major Requirements

BA with a major in music

40 credits in Music

52 credits in Liberal Studies, Modern

Language Proficiency and Electives

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

BS in Music Education

61credits in Music

21credits in Professional Education

37credits in Liberal Studies

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

BS in Music Therapy

52 credits in Music

21 credits in Music Therapy

40 credits in Liberal Studies

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

BM in Performance

78 credits in Music

40 credits in Liberal Studies

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Programs

The music department offers four degree programs: 1) the BA with a major in music allows for flexibility in choosing electives to complement the student's interests and career goals; 2) the BS in music education prepares musicians to teach instrumental, vocal and general music in school settings in grades K-12 and prepares students to meet the requirements for state certification; 3) the BS in music therapy prepares future music therapists to effect positive changes in the psychological, physical, cognitive, and/or social functioning of individuals with health and/or educational needs; and 4) the BM in performance provides students with the highest possible level of expertise in a performing medium preparing them for a career in higher education and/or in performance.

Career Opportunities

Music majors graduating from Slippery Rock University have gone on to pursue a variety of careers. Music education majors obtain positions as a teacher in both public and private schools. A high percentage of students (an average of 95%) who seek jobs are able to obtain them. They may also wish to maintain private teaching studios. Music therapy majors work with a wide variety of populations in health care facilities, educational settings, and other institutions that reach out to individuals with specific needs. Performance majors find opportunities to earn a living as a performer, open private teaching studios, or continue on to graduate school to pursue careers in higher education. BA with a major in music majors may look forward to careers in music such as music merchandising, church music, private teaching, and the television/radio industry.

Liberal Education Requirements*

The Department of Music is allowed to graduate students with fewer Liberal Studies credits than most other departments in order to meet the accreditation requirements of the National Association of Schools of Music. Specific information about each degree concerning liberal studies may be found in the department handbook. The liberal studies program is designed to provide students with the breadth of knowledge expected of an educated person in our society. These courses compliment the depth of specialty acquired in a student's major.

The program contains seven critical goals or areas of study. For each area, students select one or two classes from a selection of "goal courses." In addition, in some areas of study, students select a course from a wide class selection identified as "enrichment courses." These courses provide the opportunity to broaden and deepen knowledge in the goal area. Lastly, co-curricular "Supporting Experiences," are identified. These activities and programs available to all students and encompass working on student publications, belonging to honorary societies or working with various special on-campus special interest groups.

Goal I: Basic Competencies

Goal II: The Arts

Goal III: Cultural Diversity and Global Perspective

Goal IV: Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relationships

Goal V: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Goal VI: Our National Experience

Goal VII: Challenges of the Modern Age

**All SRU students must complete the liberal studies requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Department of Music offers

The Music Therapy program prepares students to obtain the requirements for National Board Certification in Music Therapy. The Department of Music offers a minor (25 hours) which is open to all undergraduate degree-seeking SRU students.

Teacher Certification

Teacher Certification: Students majoring in Music Education will, upon graduation, be eligible to be certified to teach vocal, instrumental, and general music in grades K-12. Students take courses which will enable them to develop a wide range of competencies, knowledge and skills needed by today's music teacher in public and private school settings.

Academic Programs 2004-2005



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