Western Music
Don Wright Faculty of Music
Welcome to the
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Exceptional Student Experience
Student Experience

- Outstanding facilities and resources
- Excellent environment for success
- Flexibility to pursue your own path
- Diverse collaborative programs
- Generous funding opportunities
- Transferable skills for your future
Student Organizations

Become part of a close-knit community

- MESA – Music Education Students’ Association
- FOMSC – Faculty of Music Student Council
- Nota Bene – Undergrad Journal of Musicology
- Music Sophs – Orientation Leaders
- Peer Guides
- Choir Council
- CHRW – Independent, student-run radio station
Outstanding Facilities & Resources
Why I Chose Western Music

“One of the amazing resources we have here at Western is a recording studio where we write, record and produce music. We make our music come to life.”

Kendra Miller
Popular Music Studies and Women’s Studies
Facilities & Resources

New music building and performance spaces (opened 2018) with generous practice spaces

- 3 concert halls
  - Paul Davenport Theatre – 400 seats
  - von Kuster Hall – 250 seats
  - Studio 242 Recital Hall – 48 seats
- Composition & Electro Acoustic Research & Performance (CEARP) facility
- New Interdisciplinary Media Centre (IMC lab)
Facilities & Resources

- 100+ practice rooms
- 150+ pianos
- String Instrument Bank of fine instruments and bows
- One of North America’s best Music Libraries
  - Gustav Mahler Collection
  - Alfred Rosé Collection
- High definition video and audio recording with streaming capabilities
Excellent Environment for Success
Why I Chose Western Music

“One of my favorite aspects of this program is the fact that you get to know your professors really closely. This is a school that truly focuses on putting students first ... You don’t feel as though you’re in a large organization, which in many ways helps the transition from high school to university.”

Evelyn Vanderhoof
Bachelor of Arts
(Honours Music and Political Science)
Performance Opportunities

More than 400 concerts and events each year

- Two fully staged opera productions with orchestra
- 150+ solo and chamber music student recitals
- Masterclasses and special events with globally renowned artists and academic leaders
Masterclasses & Special Events

Students participate with renowned artists and academic leaders from around the world

Recent Guest Artist Masterclasses

- Stewart Goodyear, piano
- Liz Upchurch, collaborative piano
- Jane Archibald, soprano
- Marie Picard, clarinet
- Carolyn Barber, band director
Real-World Experiences

- Fieldwork opportunities in Italy, at the Accademia Europea Dell’Opera
- Culturally relevant teaching and learning placements in international locales
- Design your own experiential learning project for credit
- Enroll in program-specific capstone projects in music research and composition, popular music, performance, and music education
Flexibility to Pursue Your Own Path
“One of my favourite memories was going to Guatemala with the Music Education department, and learning about community music ... I learned a lot about the ways that I know music ... These experiences definitely shaped the way I teach music.”

Siobhan Waldock
Bachelor of Music
(Honours Music Education)
Study What You Love

- Composition
- Music Education
- Music Research (History/Theory)
- Performance
- Popular Music Studies
- Music Recording Arts (combined with Fanshawe College)
- Music Administrative Studies
BMus or BA?

Bachelor of Music (BMus) programs
- Audition required
- Includes private lessons, ensemble
- 4-5 courses (of 20) outside of Music

Bachelor of Arts (BA) programs
- No private lessons or ensemble required (lessons may be elected with extra fee)
- 9-12 courses (of 20) outside of Music
Bachelor of Music (BMus)

Common First Year

Bachelor of Music (Honours)
- General
- Composition
- Music Education
- Music Research (History/Theory)
- Performance (Piano/Voice/Instrument)

Bachelor of Music
- General
Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Major in Music / Honours Specialization in Music
- Academic study of music

Major in Popular Music Studies
- Songwriting
- Popular Music in Culture

Specialization in Music Administrative Studies
- Core academic music courses
- Core undergraduate business courses
Minors

Minor in Music
- Completion of first year requirements
- 4.0 music courses

Minor in Dance
- Completion of first year requirements
- 4.0 dance courses
Non-music Students

Many music courses available

- Applied Lessons
- Listening to Music
- Foundations in Singing
- Theory & History
- Ensembles
- Vocal Groups
Diverse Collaborative Programs
Why I Chose Western Music

“Only this program allows you to have that classical training and apply that to the popular music field. There are different streams you can go into. You can be an engineer in a studio, you can be a producer, work in live recording, you can even pursue the music business part at a label if you like.”

Brian Marshall
Music Recording Arts
(Western/Fanshawe)
Combined Degrees

Music Recording Arts (BMus & MIA)
- Program collaboration with Fanshawe College
- Earns both a BMus from Western and a Music Industry Arts diploma from Fanshawe in 5 years (instead of 6)

Business & Music (HBA & BMus or BA)
- Honours Business Administration and Music
- Dual program collaboration with Western’s Ivey Business School in 5 years (instead of 6)
Concurrent Degrees

Ability to pursue a second degree (BMus & BA or BSc)

- Music & Psychology
- Music & Biology
- Music & Computer Science
- Music & Visual Arts
- Music & French Studies

And many more possibilities!
Diplomas

3-Year Music Performance Diploma

- Emphasis on performance courses with weekly lessons, chamber music, ensemble and recital credits
- Must be concurrently enrolled in a non-music degree & apply at the end of Year 1
- Unavailable on OUAC
Diplomas

1-Year Artist Diploma

- Must already hold a Bachelor of Music
- Apply through OUAC
Generous Funding Opportunities
Entrance Scholarships

Automatic Academic Awards ($2500-$8000)
- No application needed
- Students with an average of 90% +
- Additional scholarships for study abroad
- Available to all students
- Includes $1000-2000 for study abroad

National Scholarships ($30,000-$65,000)
- Students with an average of 90% +
- Letter of support from school
- Apply by February 14
Additional Awards

Merit Awards ($1000-$4000+)
- All students are considered, based on outstanding auditions

Donor-based Entrance Awards ($1000-$5000)
- Variety available, based on various criteria
- Some awards are continuing (up to 4 years)

Needs-based Awards
- To be considered, students must complete financial information forms on our website
Transferable Skills for Your Future
Why Study Music?

After performing in front of thousands of people, presenting to a board of six in the financial world is easy.
Music graduates develop the seven essential skills for employability:

- Self-management
- Team work
- Numeracy
- Business awareness
- Problem solving
- Communication
- IT skills

Robert Adlington (University of Nottingham), researched the employability of music graduates based on a 2011 Confederate of British Industry Report and found that they have an edge in non-music fields including finance, consultancy and law.
Why Study Music?

Music majors are the most likely group to be admitted to medical school

- In a recent study, 66% of music majors who applied to med school were admitted, compared to 44% of biochemistry majors
Where are Music Alumni?

- Our graduates have engaged in diverse employment opportunities as a result of the skills and discipline gained by their musical studies.
Careers in Music

Our alumni have excelled in every type of music career

Accompanist  Agent  Arranger
Arts Administrator  Church Musician  Composer
Conductor  Choral Singer  Educational Officer
Elementary Teacher  Military Musician  Fund-raising officer
Music Editor  Music Librarian  Music Publisher
Music Therapist  Musical Theater  Opera Singer
Orchestra Player  Pop Musician  Radio Music
Recording Engineer  Secondary Teacher  Solo Performer
Studio Teacher  University Professor  Video Game Music
Careers in Other Fields

Our graduates have pursued a diverse range of non-music professions

- Advertising
- Editor
- Hospitality
- Entrepreneur
- Manager
- Organic food
- Retail
- School Principal
- Computer Technology
- Financial Services
- Information Security
- Lawyer
- Minister
- Personal Trainer
- Speech Pathologist
- Supreme Court Justice
- Corporate Trainer
- Guidance Counselor
- Journalist
- Librarian
- NFP Manager
- Politician
- Physician/Surgeon
- Television Director
Pride in Our Alumni
Alumni

Stephanie Ciccarelli, BMusA’06
- Co-founder, Voices.com

Joel Ivany, BMusA’04
- Founder & Artistic Director, Against the Grain Theatre

Louise Pitre, BMus’79, DMus’06
- Musical Theatre singer/actress

Michael Schade, BMus’88
- Internationally renowned Mozart tenor
Alumni

Andrea Kalyn, BMus’87, MA’90
- President, New England Conservatory

Lesley Mackay Hunter, BMus’94
- Animated feature film & TV editor

Jarrett McCourt, BMus’13
- Orchestral tubist, soloist & educator

Elaine Adair, BMus’73, MA(Music)’78, DCL’14
- Supreme Court Judge, British Columbia
Applying to Western Music
How to Apply

Before February 15

- Complete on-line registration form (fee, payable by credit card)
- Submit two Letters of Recommendation and a Questionnaire for each chosen program
- Take an online Theory Placement Test (approximately 90 minutes) – RCM Grade 7-8
  Theory understanding expected

Our office will assign an audition/interview time, and accompanist if needed
Audition/Interview Day

Plan for up to a half day visit

- Meet and rehearse with your accompanist
- Attend your Audition/Interview (approximately 20 minutes)
- Opportunity to meet with students & studio teachers
BMus Auditions

Orchestral Instruments
- 2 pieces at appropriate level (see website)

Percussion
- 3 pieces (1 snare, 1 timpani, 1 mallet)

Voice
- 3 songs, 1 in another language
- Scales and other technique (not for voice)
- Sight-reading (RCM Grade 6 level expected)
- Short interview (opportunity to ask questions)
Admission Based On

- Successful audition
- Grade average of 80% or higher on your top 6 grade 12 U and/or M courses, including English
- Theory placement test completed
Stay in Touch!

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Thank you for joining us today!