

2016 Music Department Mission and Goals

The Music Department contributes to the comprehensive formation of all University students through multi-faceted engagement with music. The Department facilitates expansion of the general student's musical perspective with a wide array of musical experiences. Additionally, it nurtures the music major's development in the following areas:

1. Performance.
2. Music education.
3. Commercial music.
4. Scholarly inquiry into both western and world music.
5. Technological innovation.

Departmental engagement with students in these areas prepares them to creatively, critically, and collaboratively shape their lives, careers, and communities.

2016 Music Department Vision Statement

The Department will advance as a center for music within and beyond the University through:

1. Programs that prepare majors for successful futures as elementary and secondary educators, performers, graduate students, researchers and commercial music professionals.
2. Superior teaching, research and service.
3. Excellent student outreach, mentoring, and support of the university community by (1) enhancing its cultural life with a wide array of musical experiences; and (2) providing non-majors with numerous opportunities to learn about and participate in the making of music.
4. Actively engaging with other musicians at the local, regional, and international levels by continuing development of professional relationships in order to provide students with an informed perspective on, and opportunity to interact with, the global community of musicians.

Core Values

Integrative Learning

The Music Department recognizes education as an inherently connected, cumulative, and student-centered experience in which learning occurs across courses and across disciplines.

Creativity

The Music Department values and nurtures originality, imagination, discovery, the active creation and appreciation of beauty, and the unique voice of each student. We seek to inspire students and draw inspiration from them.

Responsibility

The Music Department recognizes the development of integrity, ethical thinking, and social and environmental awareness as essential goals of a college education.

Critical Thinking and Reasoned Judgment

The Music Department recognizes discourse and the construction of knowledge as human activities requiring the questioning of assumptions, logical reasoning, analysis and synthesis, the appreciation of multiple perspectives, self-awareness, empathetic capacity, and civility.

Professional Competency

The Music Department values, models, and cultivates excellence in written and oral communication, task organization, collaboration, quantitative thinking, and literacy in information technology, equipping students with transferrable professional skills.

Student Service and Support

The Music Department recognizes the quality of the individual student's educational experience as the primary measure of its effectiveness and is committed to the highest standards of service for both traditional and non-traditional students in curriculum design, course offering, instruction, learning assessment, co-curricular activities, and academic and career advisement.