



FPU BRINGS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE
TO THE MUSIC DEGREE



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT📍

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“The music department at Franklin Pierce uses both a traditional and modern approach to the industry, education, and performance of music. I’ve learned about music and myself. With knowledgeable staff and talented classmates, FPU gave me the confidence to be the successful professional musician I am today!”

APPLY TODAY!

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MUSIC

Franklin Pierce University
College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If music is your passion and your path to personal and professional growth, our newly designed Music major will develop your artistic knowledge, practical skills and industry savvy. Opportunities in the music industry extend beyond performance to include composing for film, television and games, sound engineering, teaching, music publishing, music administration, and music therapy. At Franklin Pierce, you can choose from two tracks in the major - Music Technology and Industry or Applied Music. Both tracks offer the opportunity to work with faculty who are professional composers and highly regarded performers.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

You will learn core concepts of music theory and performance, music history and music technology through a diverse range of music styles. As a music major, you will develop artistic ability, self-confidence, discipline, as well as problem-solving, creative thinking, and networking skills that will serve you in all your future endeavors.

Graduates have worked for Db Studios, Riot Games, The New Hampshire Law School and the Zac Brown Band. Others have pursued graduate education in Music composition, Theory, Musicology, and performance, attending institutions such as King’s College London, Syracuse University, and Carnegie Mellon University.



MUSIC

COURSES

FIRST YEAR

GLE101	First Year Inquiry Seminar
GLE110	First Year Composition
MU120	Recording Techniques (Music Technology & Industry Track)
MU151	Theory of Music I
MU___	Private Instruction
MU___	Ensemble

SECOND YEAR

GLE230	Second Year Composition
MU200	Sophomore Portfolio
MUS200	Music Industry
MU209	Theory of Music II
MU215	Computer Music I (Music Technology & Industry)
MU310	Computer Music II or MU220 Advanced Recording Techniques (Music Technology & Industry)
MU309	Theory of Music III
MU___	Ensemble
MU___	Private Instruction

THIRD YEAR

MU318	History of Western Music
MU319	History of Popular and World Music
MU399	Internship (Music Technology & Industry Track)
MU409	Theory of Music IV
MU___	Private Instruction
MU___	Ensemble (Applied Track)
MU___	Business Elective 1 (Music Technology & Industry Track)*

FOURTH YEAR

MU401	Seminar in Music
MU450	Senior Recital or MU451 Senior Project (Applied Track)
MU451	Senior Project (Music Technology & Industry Track)
MU___	Business Elective 2 (Music Technology & Industry Track)*
MU___	Ensemble (Applied Track)
MU___	Private Instruction (Applied Track)

*Please refer to the Academic Catalog for full listing of elective options

WHO SHOULD MAJOR IN MUSIC?

You'll find this major a good fit if you have or want to develop:

- Songwriting and composition
- Musicianship and performance
- Understanding of many forms and styles of music
- Patience, self-discipline and precision for practice
- Poise under pressure and strong stage presence
- Strong communication, teaching, and presentation skills

WHAT MAKES OUR MUSIC PROGRAM DIFFERENT?

You can gain valuable experience through opportunities at Franklin Pierce to:

- Participate in musical ensembles — contemporary, jazz, or chamber
- Join the Vocal Ensemble or a student-run a cappella group
- Have private music lessons on most instruments, and in songwriting, composition, beat production, and Rap
- Show your Pierce pride in Pep Band and Marching Band—scholarships are available!
- Join the Music Club to help plan student performances and events
- Network with industry professionals through associations and conferences
- Fine-tune your professional opportunities by pairing the Music major with a minor or a second major in Education, Communication, Business, or Psychology