UW-Stevens Point is a special place for music students. We are large enough to offer a wide variety of experiences and challenges, and small enough that our students receive a great deal of individual attention. The atmosphere is filled with support, encouragement, and music!

**Degrees Offered**

The Department of Music offers the following undergraduate degrees:

- **Bachelor of Arts (BA)**
- **Bachelor of Music (BM)**
- **Music Minor**
- **Instrumental Music Performance Certificate (non-degree)**
- **Master of Music Education (MM)**

The **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** is a four-year liberal arts degree with a major in music. It is intended for those who seek careers in music related fields such as music business, music merchandising, music manufacturing, music technology, private studio teaching, composition, music publishing, music management and music promotion. Students in this degree must take at least 66 non-music credits including a minor in a non-music discipline.

The **Bachelor of Music (BA)** This degree is a professional degree leading to careers in music performance, music education, music literature, or jazz studies. All students in these degree tracks begin in a probationary status and must apply later for full acceptance into the degree track of their choice.

The **music minor** requires 24 credits, including music theory and private lessons, participation in ensembles and music electives.

The **Instrumental Music Performance Certificate** is a non-degree program designed for students looking for intensive studies in instrumental music both as a soloist and an ensemble performer. Working with their studio teacher, students design a course of study selecting academic music courses that focus on their interests.

The **Master of Music Education (MM)** degree is offered with emphases in elementary/secondary education, Suzuki talent education and studio pedagogy.

**Auditions**

Auditions are required for all degrees including music education, performance, and minors and take place in February, March and April. Students should be prepared to demonstrate the technical skills applicable to their area of performance. Forms, scholarship information and preparation guidelines are available on our website or contact Monica Anderson at 715-346-3841 or email: moanders@uwsp.edu for assistance in preparing for and scheduling your audition.

**Facilities**

The Noel Fine Arts Center includes state-of-the-art multi-media classrooms, large and small ensemble rehearsal halls, teaching studios, over 30 practice rooms, a Yamaha Clavinova piano lab, the 350-seat Michelsen Recital Hall, and the Computer Music Center which houses 18 computer workstations and 12 portable practice stations.
Our Faculty
Our faculty includes resident artist-teachers of piano, voice, all band and orchestral instruments as well as specialists in music education, instrumental conducting, choral conducting, music theory and composition, music history, literature and jazz studies.

High School Preparation
For students majoring in music, it is recommended they study music theory if it is offered at their high schools and take private lessons if available. We believe that well-rounded students provide their best chances for success. In addition to the usual university requirements for admission, recommended areas of study should include the science, literature, communication, foreign language and math.

Performance Opportunities
The student and faculty performing groups, which are widely recognized for their artistic excellence, serve as laboratories for the development of professional skills and a full schedule of recitals, concerts, clinics, and other special events is offered each year to serve students, the community, and the surrounding region.

Accreditation
The UW-Stevens Point Department of Music is an institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the national association that sets professional standards for institutional music programs throughout the United States.

Student Groups
In the Department of Music there are a number of student organizations that build community, educate, make professional connections and promote musicianship.

Study Abroad
More UW-Stevens Point students travel abroad than any other UW System campus. The College of Fine Arts and Communication and UWSP International Programs offer many study abroad programs where students can earn credits while experiencing the world.

After Graduation
Your employment chances are quite good! Very close to 100% of our music education graduates find teaching positions, and our performance majors are regularly admitted to excellent graduate programs. Our performance graduates hold positions in military ensembles, full time professional symphony orchestras, and as studio musicians, university teachers and private teachers. Our Bachelor of Arts degree graduates hold positions in music related careers in music publishing, music management, music technology and software development, music merchandising, music manufacturing, etc.