

Music



Queen's Music has earned a reputation across Canada for producing some of the best-prepared graduates: musicians who excel as scholars, composers, digital creators, teachers, and performers. The four streams of the newly innovated Bachelor of Music program, and the Bachelor of Arts in Music program, allow students to foster their own unique musical identities by providing opportunities to explore Classical, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, and Sonic Arts/Music Production courses. Queen's students in any program can enroll in our extensive selection of ensemble and performance courses for credit. DAN School students benefit from small class sizes, individual attention, and become part of a tight-knit and engaged community.

TOP 4 Reasons to Study MUSIC

- 1 Prepare yourself for work in the cultural industries through a flexible degree program that allows you to combine performance, education, creation, music studies, entrepreneurship, music, and technology in a variety of ways.
- 2 Learn from world-class faculty who are passionate, creative, and dynamic teachers.
- 3 Personalize your education by integrating other performing arts, arts, or science courses in your degree.
- 4 Connect with the community & the world through internship, experiential learning, and work experience throughout your degree.

Degree Plans



BACHELOR OF MUSIC (BMUS)

Allows students with a range of interests and experiences to explore the many facets of music production, performance, education, and entrepreneurship to prepare for an exciting career in the arts and cultural industries. Students are admitted to this direct-entry program through an individualized portfolio submission or audition.

BACHELOR OF ARTS in MUSIC (BAH/BA)

is a liberal arts focused degree that allows students to combine courses in music performance and music studies with others in a range of Arts and Science disciplines. Students seek admission to Arts/Sci and then select their concentration (Music) at the end of their first year.

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CERTIFICATE

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

Law

Business

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

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Alumni Story

Award-winning musician Alexandra Petkovski studied piano and composition in her BMUS degree. Known as a composer, producer, multi-instrumentalist, artist, and songwriter, Petkovski's work defies genre, focusing on telling compelling stories. Her music is heard across platforms like Fortnite, SXSW, Disney+, TIFF, Blumhouse Productions, Netflix, and HBO. She is a director on the Alliance for Women Film Composers board of directors, the secretary on the Executive leadership board for the Screen Composers Guild of Canada, and a proud standing voting member of the Recording Academy, BAFTA Connect, Television Academy, Society of Lyricists and Composers, and World Soundtrack Awards.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Music MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF MUSIC
BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Music can equip you with:

- Music creation and curation
- Digital creation, editing, and mixing, use of sound equipment
- Understanding and analyzing a variety of musics: contemporary, historical, local, and global
- High level performance on an instrument or voice
- Teaching skills such as band/choral/orchestral techniques, conducting, and leadership for classroom, individual lesson, and community-based teaching
- Reading analysis, and writing skills
- Increased working memory and IQ leading to improved pattern recognition, memorization, and improvisation
- Ability to adapt to new or changing situations
- Oral communication for confident public speaking
- Presentation, performance skills, and stage presence
- Creative and critical thinking
- Ability to work independently or as a team
- Self-discipline and time management

Career Possibilities

A degree in Music can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's Degree, or with further post-graduate study in Law, Medicine, Education, etc.. In addition, our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Audio consulting
- Concert production
- Digital creation
- Education
- Film scoring
- Music journalism
- Music production
- Music therapy
- Performing
- Piano accompaniment
- Songwriting
- Sound engineering

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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MUSIC FOR IMPACT

There are incredible and varied opportunities for meaningful work in Music across Canada and around the world. The [cultural industries are a \\$50B+ sector in Canada](#) and are ever- evolving. At the DAN School, we hope to prepare students to become leaders in this industry by educating, training, and inspiring musical leaders who will transform these domains with knowledge, skills, and passion.

Graduates of Queen's Music programs think critically about music's role in historical and contemporary, and local and global contexts. They develop skills in performance, creation, digital musicking, collaboration, curation, analysis, critical thinking, and teaching, among others.

Finally, through the DAN School's suite of courses in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity, our students work closely with innovation researchers and industry leaders to develop fundamental knowledge and skills in ideating and establishing an entrepreneurial framework and mindset that will help launch and transform their careers.



We educate tomorrow's musical leaders

We want to support you as you dream big about your future in Music. Where do you want to go after your degree at Queen's? How will you transform your passion and skills into a meaningful career in the field? Book a [consultation](#) with one of our advisors to ask questions about how you can see yourself at Queen's Music.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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CLASSICAL

For students interested in grounding their music careers in solo classical, chamber, choral, opera, concert band or orchestral music, the Classical stream has been broadened to include digital creation and production, and entrepreneurial skills.

CONTEMPORARY INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL GENRES

Allows students interested in musical theatre, cabaret, pop, jazz, rock, folk, or fiddling to study music from any of these areas, with focus on developing skills in contemporary musicianship including performance, arranging, creation, digital production, and entrepreneurship.

SONIC ARTS & MUSIC PRODUCTION

This stream is for students interested in sound design, music-based performance art, and/or digital music creation, production, recording, and composition across all genres (including beat-, sample-, and loop-based music).

MUSIC THEATRE

For students interested in exploring Music Theatre from every angle - performance, scholarship, history, theory, technical production, creation, and more. Build a broad foundation by taking courses in Music, Drama, and Dance, alongside Technical Theatre and Production

Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds– Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

