MUSICAL ARTS, B.M.A.

**Begin Campus:** University Park

**End Campus:** University Park

**Program Description**

The Bachelor of Musical Arts degree is a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary program that is intended to prepare students for careers in performance, while developing a secondary area of emphasis outside of music, as determined for each student on the basis of an advising process. Completion of this program requires that the student achieve a high level of competence in order to begin professional work or pursue further studies at the graduate level.

**What is Music?**

Italian composer Ferruccio Busoni said “music is sonorous air.” A more scientific definition might be “sounds organized in time.” With a history that likely pre-dates language, music is an integral part of all societies for expression, communication, and the fostering of community. In the words of philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, “without music, life would be a mistake.”

**You Might Like This Program If...**

- You have achieved a high level of musical accomplishment from years of study, practice, and ensemble participation.
- Music is a driving force in your life but you also want to pursue a minor or a second degree outside of music.