Western Michigan University’s Music (M.A., M.M) programs involve internationally recognized faculty preparing students for an ever-changing profession via intensive learner centered education in a world-class facility.

Degree programs are offered in:
- Master of Music
- Performance (vocal, keyboard, jazz studies, instrumental)
- Music Education (summer program)
- Music Therapy
- Composition
- Conducting
- Master of Arts in Music

The M.A. is intended for students with a strong interest in scholarly research; the culminating project is a written thesis and a public presentation (lecture or lecture/recital).

The Music Education program offers a unique and practical program which allows the working music educator an opportunity to complete all course work through summer study.

The Music Therapy program emphasizes examination of contemporary research and issues affecting the clinical, academic, and professional preparation of music therapists.

Music Therapy offers an Equivalency Program for the student with a baccalaureate degree in music, allowing completion of the course work necessary to become a professional music therapist.
Music (M.A., M.M)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
The School of Music is dedicated to music as an art form that elevates the lives of all who experience it. Our faculty hold degrees and teaching experience from the nation’s premiere institutions such as Rice, Eastman, Northwestern, North Texas, Yale, Oberlin, NEC, Julliard, Berklee and USC. The School of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Our music therapy programs are certified by the American Music Therapy Association.

The School of Music is housed in the Dorothy U. Dalton Center, which offers some of the finest music rehearsal, study, practice and performance spaces in the world. Adjacent to the nationally recognized James W. Miller Auditorium, the Dalton Center boasts 157,000 square feet of space—the equivalent of 4.5 football fields. Its distinctive spaces include two recital halls, a multitrack digital recording studio, an electronic music laboratory, a 10,000 square foot music library, a state-of-the-art multimedia room, a music therapy clinic, a computer lab featuring Mac workstations, and one of the world’s largest installations of prefabricated, sound-isolated practice rooms and teaching studios.

Admissions
Each program has separate application requirements (please check these carefully on the department website: wmich.edu/music/academics/grad). To be considered for the Fall semester, the application process should be completed by the March 15 prior (The “Conducting” concentration requires a pre-screening video due by February 1). The GRE is not required for any graduate music programs.

Because Music Education is primarily a summer program and the enrollment is not capped, there is flexibility with applications for that program (application should be made by March 15 to be considered for scholarship eligibility).

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
The School of Music typically has approximately 30 Graduate Assistantships; competitive scholarships also available. Please check with the Graduate Coordinator about availability.

February 15 is the deadline for completion of an online Graduate Assistantship application and receipt of letters of recommendation, although late applications may be considered.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 29 doctoral and 64 masters degrees. More than 20 percent of its 25,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.