

MUSIC

“I absolutely love Berea’s Music major because not only do we make great music, they’re like my second family. I am encouraged every single day by caring and passionate faculty to follow my dreams and never give up.”

- Brittany, from Somerset, Kentucky



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music or a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music Education with Vocal or Instrumental Emphasis. Both Music Education programs lead to P-12 teacher certification. A minor in Music is also available. Students often pair their Music major with a minor in Business, Marketing, or social sciences like Psychology.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Berea’s five-story Presser Music Building is one of the finest music facilities of any small college. It includes a 240-seat acoustically-superior recital hall with a large tracker organ and superior digital recording equipment, large and small ensemble rehearsal rooms, modern computer and piano laboratories, ensemble libraries and offices, practice rooms (many with grand pianos), teaching studios, multi-media classrooms, seminar rooms, and a student lounge.
- Choose to participate in a wide variety of ensembles including the Black Music Ensemble, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, Treble Singers, Afro-Latin Percussion, Bluegrass Ensemble, Mariachi Ensemble, Contemporary Percussion, Folk Roots Ensemble, Wind and Jazz Ensembles.

- Students have performed in many of the world’s great concert venues, including Music Hall in Cincinnati, Constitution Hall in DC, the Beijing Concert Hall, the Vatican in Rome, the Duomo in Siena, the Dom in Salzburg, the Abby Church in Melk, the Jesuitenkirche in Lucerne, the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, the Basilica, and the National Cathedral in DC.
- The Music program offers more than twenty work positions where students work one-on-one with Berea’s distinguished music faculty. Students assist faculty in classrooms as well as in the rehearsal hall.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Music and Music Education graduates find employment in a wide variety of occupations and career fields, including:

- Music Teacher
- Professional Musician
- Music Minister
- Music Therapist
- Music Producer
- Composer
- Audio Engineering & Music Production



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies