If you believe music enriches lives and communities, then join our talented, supportive music community at Northwestern. As a musician in our nationally recognized program, you’ll be able to develop and celebrate your musical gifts, learning how to use them to serve God and others.

Study options

- Music major/minor
- Music education (modified with elementary education or endorsements in elementary, secondary or both)
- Music and worship leadership major
- Music ministry minor
- Arts administration minor
- 2 pre-professional programs: music performance and music therapy

As a music major you’ll study both historic and modern traditions and perform a variety of Western and non-Western music. We pursue excellence in the study, practice and performance of music, so you’ll be challenged and encouraged by your professors, peers and private teachers as you scale new heights with your musical ability and artistry.

Faculty

Northwestern’s music faculty members have earned teaching excellence awards, published music, released CDs, and conducted and performed with notable ensembles around the world. These talented professionals and dedicated teachers will help you develop your own musical gifts through classes, rehearsals, lessons and concert performances.

Making music

Northwestern music graduates have released professional recordings and performed at Carnegie Hall and with the Santa Fe, Washington and Chautauqua operas. Others are teaching music at all grade levels, learning more about music in graduate school, and leading worship in churches.

Christ Chapel and DeWitt Music Hall

Music lovers enjoy captivating and innovative performances in our award-winning chapel/concert hall and music center. Christ Chapel houses a New York Steinway concert grand piano and a 45-stop, 56-rank tracker action pipe organ.

The stage of the 900-seat auditorium can accommodate a 100-piece orchestra. DeWitt Music Hall includes choral and instrumental rehearsal rooms, practice rooms, classrooms, teaching studios, and an electronic keyboard and computer lab.

Performance and travel

Northwestern College musicians perform regularly in Christ Chapel’s concert hall. The choir and band take annual tours across the U.S. and have also performed in Asia, Europe, and Central and South America. Ensembles include:

- A cappella Choir
- Chamber ensembles for brass, strings and woodwinds
- Chamber Orchestra
- Heritage Singers (mixed chamber choir)
- Jazz Band
- Percussion Ensemble
- Symphonic Band
- Women’s Choir
- Worship teams

Scholarships

Want to keep making music in college? Apply for one of our performance scholarships, which are open to students in any major. Visit our website and click “Scholarships” for application information.

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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