



Prepare for a Career in Music Education at UMass Lowell

Our students are tomorrow's music education leaders



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UMass Lowell's music education program features extensive in-depth school and community-based teaching experiences embedded in coursework. Emphasis is on learner-centered instructional methods that work with diverse student populations; innovative methods that infuse technology and creativity and prepare students for advanced study in school and community based music education; studio teaching, and community arts and music outreach programs.

MASTER OF MUSIC IN TEACHING

As part of the graduate program, the University offers a Master of Music in Music Education (M.M.). This degree offers a teaching option that leads to initial licensure in the music teacher preparation/certification program. Upon completion of the M.M. degree program, students file an application with the Massachusetts Department of Education for initial licensure as fully certified Massachusetts teachers.

Real world teaching experiences include:

- UMass Lowell's String Project and Creative Sound Play, an after school program for Lowell Public School students that features group and individual string lessons, ensembles and opportunities for creative exploration of sound through composition and improvisation. Inspired by Venezuela's El Sistema program, the String Project is listed as a potential training site for Abreu Fellows of El Sistema, USA.
- Innovative music technology internships
- Student led Youth Composition Festival for K-12 students in Massachusetts
- Internships and classes in Lowell schools and the local community

Teaching Assistantship for Graduate Orchestral String Player

Half-time TA position requires 9hours/week working with our renowned UMass Lowell String Project. The successful candidate is required to be a member of the University Orchestra for each semester enrolled. It includes 1/2 tuition/fees and a stipend of \$6,504.03 per year for:

- 1 year if enrolled in the Master of Music in Teaching-certification option
- 2 years if enrolled in the Master of Music in Music Education-non-certification option

Scholarship for Graduate Orchestral String Player

A \$4,000 Provost's Scholarship is available for a gifted graduate student (preferably a violinist) who maintains a 3.0 G.P.A. and has financial need. The successful candidate is required to be a member of the University Orchestra for each semester enrolled. For scholarship consideration, students must submit two written letters of recommendation evaluating their performance, and perform a live audition.

Undergraduate and Graduate Research Opportunities

- **Performamatics*** – A National Science Foundation collaboration between the UMass Lowell Computer Science Department and the Arts in the area of exhibition and performance technologies.
- **SoundScapes**-Interdisciplinary music intervention project for teens on the Autism Spectrum, offered in conjunction with the Psychology Department
- **International Digital Composing Project** – Explore music teaching and learning around the world through critical online social media performance, improvisation and composition technologies.

Are you a student with an undergraduate degree from another institution?

UMass Lowell can help you seek initial licensure in Massachusetts.

For students seeking initial licensure who did not attend UML as an undergraduate but possess an equivalent undergraduate degree in either music or music education, a transcript review will determine any equivalency undergraduate courses required for official admittance into the program.

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MASTER OF MUSIC IN MUSIC EDUCATION

Research Based Thesis or Project Option

The Master of Music in Music Education degree program provides advanced study of music teaching and professional preparation for those who already possess initial certification. The degree program consists of a research based project/performance or thesis option for fully certified music teachers who are in the process of earning their professional license.

The degree program is designed to facilitate students' growth and development as:

- Leaders in music education;
- Creative problem solvers and innovative thinkers;
- Individuals who love music and the arts and use their musical knowledge and enthusiasm to inspire students; and,
- Researchers who contribute to the profession and discipline of music education.

Study with Renowned Faculty

Our faculty – which includes Grammy-nominees – perform with the best orchestras in New England and around the world. Check them out at http://uml.edu/College/arts_sciences/Music/

For more information about the Orchestral String Program, please contact Dr. Kay G. Roberts, Professor of Music Performance, via email at Kay_Roberts@uml.edu.

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The UMass Lowell Department of Music is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music.



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