on campus

Music Education

Degree Type: Program Length: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) 4 years (120 credit hours)



What Can You Do With a Degree in Music Education?

Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, McNeese's music education program is one of the best in Louisiana. Through our program, you'll graduate with both a degree in music and initial teacher certification and enter the highly competitive job market with the skills and expertise you need to succeed.

As part of the Banners Cultural Season, McNeese showcases a variety of performances by popular and critically acclaimed musicians and performers. As a music major, you have the chance to study with a number of visiting artists.

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WHY MCNEESE? Here are just a few reasons to make McNeese your first choice ...



Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Offering a high-value, affordable education, McNeese has one of the lowest costs of attendance in Louisiana. Plus, you may be able to get additional help paying for college from band and choral service awards, departmental scholarships and the University Special Achievement Award in Music.

Applied Learning:

Experience teaching music for an entire year in a student-teaching residency, which allows you to survey the full range of classroom operations, from the introduction of instruments to concert performances. Other opportunities for hands-on learning include field experiences in pedagogy courses, as well as student-staff roles in schools throughout the region.

Performance Opportunities:

With one of the most impressive and expansive collections of professional-quality band and orchestral instruments in Louisiana, McNeese continues to modernize its music program to keep up with changes in the industry and ensure your teaching degree is highly valuable and marketable. Coursework includes topics such as commercial music and entrepreneurship and instruction from guest artists in virtual and in-person music clinics.

Modern Programming

Audition for one or several of the more than two dozen McNeese music groups. Performance ensembles include the Pride of McNeese Marching Band, the Zyde-Pokes, West African Drum and Dance Ensemble, Alpine Horn Ensemble, Steel Band, Concert Chorale and Opera Workshop. Enjoy the spotlight in one of the on-campus performance venues: F.G. Bulber Auditorium, Tritico Theatre, Squires Recital Hall and the recently renovated Band Hall, home to the University Bands Program.

The W. A. and Dorothy Hanna Department of Performing Arts

Our internationally recognized faculty is committed to the art of teaching and preparing our students for a rewarding career in the arts. We provide a wealth of performance opportunities ranging from small and large ensembles, dramatic productions and individual recitals.

A High Value Teaching Degree

The bachelor's degree in music with a concentration in music education is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. Successfully complete the undergraduate program coursework, praxis exams, performance requirements, field experiences and residency, and you will qualify for initial teacher certification.

Professional Networking

Student organizations and activities provide opportunities on and off campus to make connections with the local artistic community. Join other music education majors in Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi or the Student Music Composition Society.







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