

# Music

The Music Department strives to engage students in a variety of artistic, creative, intellectual, and cultural endeavors. Students benefit from a strong, interdisciplinary liberal arts base, small classes that stimulate active learning, and group participation. Seminar-style settings take the place of formal lectures; repertory classes, student showcases, end-of-semester recitals, experiences in musical theater and opera scenes, master classes, and competitions prepare students for the application of their discipline. A variety of academic and performance-based courses inspire and challenge the music student. Private lessons, class piano and class voice, ensembles, and general music classes are open to the non-major as well.

## Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

## What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

## The academic program in Music

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees are offered in Music.  
A minor is offered in Music.

## Required courses for the Music major

Students wishing to declare a major in music must audition to qualify.

### Bachelor of Arts

Music Theory 101,102,201,202  
Music History 310, 311  
Piano Class or private lessons  
Performance Studies  
Ensembles 8 semesters

### Bachelor of Music

Music Theory 101,102,201,202  
Music History 310, 311  
Conducting 210  
Piano class or private lessons  
Performance Studies (2 cr. every semester student is on campus)  
Ensembles (1 credit every semester the student is on campus)  
Special Topics Course 410  
Junior Recital 302  
Senior Recital 402  
MUS 103 (2 credits) is required for majors in voice, and MUS 205 (4 credits) is required for majors in guitar.

## Special Features

- The College Choir presents several major performances throughout the year focusing on both old and new gems of the choral repertoire. An auditioned ensemble of approximately fifty singers, the College Choir occasionally collaborates with the Greensboro Choral Society and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra to perform large works such as Carmina Burana. In recent years, the College Choir, along with the Chamber Singers and Guitar Ensemble, has traveled to Washington, D.C., Charleston, S.C., Atlanta, G.A., and will tour Ireland this May. Scholarship funding is available to singers who are elected to the Choir Council
- The Chamber Singers is a select choir of twenty singers who perform primarily a cappella literature spanning a variety of musical periods. The choir performs in a number of venues around the Guilford campus and Greensboro community in addition to the semester concerts. Auditions for both choral ensembles are held at the beginning of each semester.
- The Guilford College Guitar Ensemble is a performing group open to all classical guitarists. The ensemble's repertoire spans all musical periods, and includes a variety of musical genres. The Guitar Ensemble often tours with the College Choir and performs on-campus for special events and locally with other community and college ensembles. In the past, the Guitar Ensemble has participated in the Mid-Atlantic (Virginia) and Mid-America Ensemble Festivals (Illinois).
- The Jazz Ensembles provide young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and perform within a small combo setting. Students study and learn the techniques of improvisation as well as the style and tradition of the jazz idiom. The ensembles perform on campus and in the Greater Greensboro area throughout the academic year.
- Other group performance opportunities available to the Guilford student include the String Ensemble, African Drumming Ensemble, and Opera Scenes. Students are also welcome to join the community-based Greensboro Concert Band and Philharmonia, both of which rehearse off-campus. The above listed ensembles, the weekly repertoire classes for majors, the monthly Midday Musicale series, and junior and senior recitals provide students with many performance opportunities.
- Every other year the department produces a musical theatre production in cooperation with the Department of Theatre Studies. In alternate years Opera Workshop is offered.

## Scholarships

There are several scholarships available through the Department of Music. Some of these monies are used to pay for performance studies for qualifying majors. Other scholarships are used to recognize outstanding achievement as well as reward students for service in the department.

## Internship Opportunities

Internships provides the student with an opportunity to explore career opportunities and offers the student a learning opportunity that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Students have completed recent Music internships at many locations including: The Eastern Music Festival, Boosey & Hawkes Publishing Company, and Kindermusik.

## Where do graduates go?

Guilford's ability to service a variety of musical interests is evidenced through the successes of our alumni. Students will music degrees from Guilford have pursued graduate studies at competitive graduate programs at major institutions such as the Peabody Conservatory, Eastman School of Music, San Francisco Conservatory, the College Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati, Florida State, and UNC-Chapel Hill. Some graduates are making a living as working musicians, teaching, or have pursued experiences with programs such as Teach for America and the PeaceCorp.

## Faculty

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