“While pursuing a master’s degree, I realized how amazing my IWU training had been.”

— Kyle Pfortmiller ’92, baritone
New York City Opera, Metropolitan Opera debut, 2011

To Prospective Music Students,

The faculty of the School of Music is committed to providing their artists-in-training with the comprehensive musicianship, knowledge, and skills required to pursue successful music careers in the 21st century. Personal instruction is the key to your success, so every class at Illinois Wesleyan is taught by our faculty members and not graduate teaching assistants. We will prepare you for your musical life after IWU, whether that be performance, music education, arts administration, music technology, or any other career path you can dream of!

Our innovative curriculum fosters your creativity and artistry by educating the whole person. Being at a nationally ranked university like IWU allows you to explore other interests, and perhaps even a second major, while still focusing on your craft.

As a member of Illinois Wesleyan’s College of Fine Arts (Schools of Music, Art, and Theatre Arts), we enrich the cultural life of Bloomington-Normal, playing a major role in partnering with neighboring academic, civic, and religious organizations to foster a spirit of collaboration in our community.

Musicians perform, which is critical to your training and development. Our performance opportunities range from major ensembles like the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Collegiate Choir, to solo recitals and chamber music. IWU offers lots of ways for you to showcase your craft!

Performance, however, is never done in a vacuum. Our students integrate historical and theoretical knowledge from classwork into their recital performances. One of our newest initiatives, called Signature Experiences, allows students to graduate with a more complete portfolio to jumpstart their careers.

Our alumni are successful, well-respected artists who practice their craft around the globe. Envision your future with us at Illinois Wesleyan!

William Hudson, D.M.
Interim Associate Director and Assistant Professor of Music
LEARN from our distinguished faculty. Student-faculty relationships are essential to any musician’s education and training. Our low student-to-teacher ratio ensures that every student will enjoy personal attention in class settings and a close mentoring relationship with an applied teacher.

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PERFORM on campus, in the community, and on national and international tours in our more than 100 concerts and recitals that we present each year.

Because our ensembles are comprised of only undergraduates, students are able to acquire performance experiences in ways seldom available at schools of comparable size.

“At Illinois Wesleyan, I had the opportunity to participate in numerous high-quality ensembles led by world-class faculty. From several tours with the wind and jazz ensembles, I was able to experience music in other parts of the country and world, which helped me to gain solid real-world performance experience.”

— Amy McCabe ‘01, trumpet, Military Musician, Washington, DC
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Minor in Jazz Studies
Minor in Music

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THE CENTERPIECE of IWU’s New Music Series is the Symposium of Contemporary Music, the longest-running event of its kind at any U.S. college or university. Recent guests of the Symposium include University of Virginia composer Judith Shatin, composer/vocalist Eve Beglarian, and Chicago’s Fifth House Ensemble.

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“In Italy, I was able to observe working rehearsals for La Scala’s performance of ‘Francesca Rimini’ and meet the singers. I sang at Casa di Riposto per Musicisti, the retirement home for Milanese musicians and Verdi’s final resting place. In Milan, my staging opera class wrote and performed our own opera pastiche for friends and colleagues.”

— Crystal Muro ‘19, vocal performance major

51% OF IWU STUDENTS study abroad
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Top 50 College towns with best music scenes (GoodDeedSeats, 2018)

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