



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Music



CRICOS code: 073990G

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: Assumed knowledge (See entry requirements overleaf)

2025 Selection Rank: 80 and by audition/interview for Performance major

The ANU Bachelor of Music is the most flexible degree of its kind in Australia. Students can concurrently study in the areas of classical, jazz and contemporary performance; composition; musicology, music technology; and film and video game composition. Various combinations of these subjects are available as majors and minors in the Bachelor of Music as well as the Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Students can study music as part of the ANU's renowned Flexible Double Degree program, and the landmark science based PhB program, making the ANU the thinking musician's place to study.

Music and ANU – in perfect harmony

The ANU School of Music combines world's best practice with local knowledge. Our faculty are active in the community and around the world. We go further than simply replicating what they have learned; we are innovators in performance, technology and the larger conception of what music can be in the 21st Century, as well as being international leaders in Indigenous music making.

ANU has more disciplines ranked in the world top 20 than any other Australian university¹, and has some of the best facilities and equipment in the country.

Music at ANU

Students majoring in music at ANU can specialise in one of three Majors, with two available in the Bachelor of Music and one in the Bachelor of Arts Degree:

- Performance (Bachelor of Music)
- Composition (Bachelor of Music)
- Music Studies (Bachelor of Arts)

All students receive a broad core training in music theory and aural skills, an innovative education in cutting edge music technology, and an overview of the historical and social context of music with a focus on the Australian musical context.

We celebrate the ANU ethos as reflected in its Graduate Attributes, that School of Music students should be critical thinkers, able to actively challenge the nature of things, engage in cutting edge debate and ask judicious questions.

The School of Music embraces this ethos in its innovative teaching pedagogies across its creative practice courses, blending dynamic and collaborative debate with one-to-one tutorial sessions, and a rich range of offerings including workshops, performances, and recording opportunities.

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

Music students have access to high quality traditional and innovative performance spaces, a state-of-the-art large format recording studio, the Yil Lull Indigenous Recording Studio, a range of post-production facilities, a music-specific computer lab, and an ambisonic performance space. Llewellyn Hall is housed in the ANU School of Music and regularly hosts concerts by national and international soloists and ensembles. The School is only a short walk away from major cultural institutions such as the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Library of Australia.

Internships & study abroad opportunities

There are internship and study abroad opportunities for both international and domestic students.

See anip.anu.edu.au or anu.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/global-programs

Flexible Double Degree and PhD

The Bachelor of Music can be combined with degrees in Arts, Law, Social Science, Business, Science, Engineering or Advanced Computing as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program.

For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

Prizes and scholarships

The School of Music has a significant number of scholarships available to undergraduate students. All applicants to the Bachelor of Music are automatically considered for these scholarships during the admissions process. Further information on scholarships available may be found at anu.edu.au/students/scholarships

Entry to the Bachelor of Music

While Applicants will be expected to have demonstrable pre-existing musical knowledge, skills and literacy, audition requirements apply for entry to the Music Performance major and 5 bonus ATAR points are available to applicants who have passed AMEB Grade 8 or equivalent.

Students who have successfully completed the ANU Diploma of Music, the Canberra Institute of Technology Diploma of Music Industry (Sound Production) or Diploma of Music Industry (Performance) are eligible to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Music. For more information visit music.cass.anu.edu.au/students/future/apply



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I am from Port Macquarie, a very small coastal town, which is a 12 hour drive from Canberra. I moved to Canberra to study when I was 18. What really attracted me to ANU was the ability to do a double degree in music and law. My passion took over and I just wanted to perform.

One of the highlights of my career was touring with Elton John in 2015. He is my idol and inspiration. Having signed my first major record deal with Universal Records was another dream come true.

My advice for future students is to take full advantage of the opportunities available at this world renowned university. During my studies I was exposed to leading academics and musicians from all over the world. My time at ANU was incredibly rewarding and it will stay with me for the rest of my life. I learned so much about myself, I made lifelong friends and formed good relationships with my teachers.

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