



Australian
National
University

BACHELOR
DEGREE

Bachelor of Music



CRICOS code: 073990G

Duration: 3 years

Prerequisites: Assumed knowledge (See entry requirements overleaf)

2027 Selection Rank: 80

For musicians who want to think, create, and lead

The ANU Bachelor of Music is one of the most flexible and forward-looking music degrees in Australia. Designed for students who want to combine creative excellence and technique with intellectual depth, the program develops both standalone and integrated skills in performance, composition, recording, production, and music scholarship, preparing graduates for contemporary musical careers across a wide range of professional contexts.

Students can tailor their degree through majors in Music Practice and Contemporary Music Production within the Bachelor of Music, or study Music Studies as part of the Bachelor of Arts. The degree also integrates seamlessly with ANU's Flexible Double Degree Program and the science-based PhB Program, making ANU a natural home for musicians who think broadly, critically, and across disciplines.

Music at ANU

World-class practice, grounded in research and community

The ANU School of Music combines world-class creative practice with research-led teaching and strong community engagement. Our academic and creative staff are active nationally and internationally as performers, composers, producers, scholars, and educators, bringing current professional practice directly into the classroom, studio, and rehearsal room.

Students are encouraged to question established ideas, engage critically with contemporary debates, and develop creative responses to social, cultural, and professional challenges. Indigenous music, wellbeing, social justice, and technological change, including new avenues of performance, are embedded across the curriculum, reflecting the evolving role of music in 21st-century society.

ANU College of Arts
and Social Sciences

Learning environments designed for real musical careers

The Bachelor of Music offers dynamic, collaborative learning environments that mirror contemporary professional practice. Teaching is studio-based, project-driven, and hands-on, with learning taking place through workshops, performances, recording projects, tutorials, and community-engaged collaborations.

Alongside this collaborative model, the Performance+Hub provides structured one-to-one instrumental and vocal training. This allows students to pursue specialist technical development in their instrumental speciality within the broader program.

Facilities that support ambition

Music students at ANU have access to some of the best facilities in the country, including:

- Professional performance venues (recital halls, concert halls)
- A state-of-the-art large-format recording studio
- The Yil Lull Indigenous Recording Studio
- Post-production facilities with immersive and spatial audio
- A dedicated music computer lab
- Links with and proximity to the School of Art & Design

Llewellyn Hall, located within the School of Music, regularly hosts leading national and international artists. The School's location places students close to major cultural institutions including the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA), the National Library of Australia (NLA), and festivals such as the Canberra International Music Festival (CIMF) providing unique opportunities for potential facilitated engagements with such institutions (eg: in recent years the composition students have written new music for historical Australian films which have then been screened at the NFSA, and others have been performers and producer interns with the CIMF).

Pathways, experiences, and opportunities

Students can enrich their studies through internships, industry placements, and study abroad programs, available to both domestic and international students.

The Bachelor of Music can be combined with degrees in Arts, Law, Social Science, Business, Science, Engineering, or Advanced Computing through the ANU Flexible Double Degree Program, allowing students to build distinctive and competitive academic profiles.

Scholarships and prizes

The School of Music offers a substantial range of competitive scholarships and prizes for undergraduate students, including some large scholarships. All applicants to the Bachelor of Music are automatically considered for these awards during the admissions process.

Entry to the Bachelor of Music

Applicants are expected to demonstrate pre-existing musical knowledge, skills, and literacy.

Up to 10 bonus ATAR points are available to applicants who successfully complete a portfolio assessment.

Students who have completed:

- the ANU Diploma of Music, or
- the Canberra Institute of Technology Diploma of Music Industry (Sound Production or Performance)

are eligible to apply for admission.

For application details and portfolio information, visit:

music.cass.anu.edu.au/students/future/apply

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