Kent State’s Music Education program offers undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees. Students have access to multiple ensembles in band, orchestra, chorus and world music. In addition to the recently renovated Performing Arts Library, the school’s resources include hundreds of annual concerts and recitals, as well as instruction in music theory, music history, ethnomusicology, applied study and education. The program boasts alumni in P-12 and university positions throughout the world. Kent State and the local community offer modern housing and a modest cost of living, plus some of the lowest tuition rates among comprehensive programs in Northeast Ohio. The Hugh A. Glauser School of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation through the College of Education, Health and Human Services.
Globally Recognized, Nationally Ranked

Kent State is included among the top universities in the world by Times Higher Education, London and is one of 76 public research universities recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This world-class university is located in the vibrant town of Kent, which features tree-lined streets and a vibrant downtown with plenty of shops, restaurants, and all the amenities and services you’ll need. Kent State is just a short drive from the major metropolitan areas of Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown and Canton that offer world-class musical opportunities, museums, theatres, national parks, shopping, professional sports and Fortune 500 companies.

School of Music

The Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at Kent State University is one of the most distinguished college music programs in the Midwest. Both music majors and nonmajors have many opportunities through courses, ensembles and performances. The school hosts the Kent/Blossom Music Festival in conjunction with the Cleveland Orchestra, among the most respected summer professional training festivals in the country. Majors and concentrations are offered in music education, performance, theory, composition, jazz, technology, musicology and ethnomusicology. Performance opportunities include orchestral, band, world music and choral ensembles.

Undergraduate Study

At the undergraduate level, students focus on preparation to teach in school and community music settings. Students can focus their studies on either instrumental or choral/general music education, but our program is flexible enough to accommodate many interests. Courses emphasize professional aspects of music education, methods and techniques of teaching, technological components of pedagogy, and the comprehensive skills needed for success in contemporary classrooms.

Students are also able to work toward an Ohio teaching license. The licensure track includes significant field experiences in school music settings, courses in pedagogy, psychology, curriculum and reading, as well as general education study. Scholarships are available to promising students in various specialties and major field areas. The four-year degree includes a student teaching semester and seminar.

Master’s Education

Kent State offers an exclusively online Master of Music in Music Education degree, designed for practicing teachers and those wishing to increase their understanding of music teaching and learning in P-12 classrooms. The degree is 30 credits and can be completed in about 20 months. Courses are offered each seven weeks — two in spring, two in summer and two in fall. Courses include Foundations of Music Education, Advanced Methods Classes (General, Choral, Instrumental), Theory, History, World Music, Technology, Inquiry in Music Teaching and Learning (I & II) and a final Capstone Project. Advantages of the degree include flexibility of the learning environment, a nationally accredited program from a traditional music school and an emphasis on practical application to music classroom settings.

Doctoral Study

Principal features of the recently updated Ph.D. in Music Education include a partnership with the College of Education, Health and Human Services, new doctoral seminars, access to the recently renovated and expanded Performing Arts Library, the vast research resources of Kent State and a focus viewing the degree in a 21st-century light with connections of theory and practice. The degree is 75 credits, which includes coursework and the dissertation. Designed for practitioners and full-time students alike, the program is tailored to those interested in working in higher education institutions, as well as pursuing advanced study for professional improvement and advancement. While part-time students are welcomed, those interested in full-time study may apply for graduate assistantships, which include tuition and stipend, opportunities to teach or follow research pursuits, among other benefits.