

# Music Education

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<p>About the Program <b>Shape Future Musicians</b></p> <p>The Music Education degree at Columbus State University prepares and certifies the next generation of public school music teachers. You will benefit from hands-on experience in the classroom, internships with nationally recognized ensembles, and mentorship from faculty who are active practitioners and researchers. Our graduates leave with a 100% job placement rate and continue to impact communities as highly sought-after educators and leaders in the field.</p> <p><a href="#">Apply Now</a></p> <p><a href="#">Request Info</a></p> <p><b>Customize Your Degree</b></p> <p><b>Choral (Concentration)</b> Prepare to teach K-12 music of any type with a focus on vocal performance, choral directing, and classroom music education.</p> <p><a href="#">View Program of Study</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Program-Specific Requirements</a></p> <p><b>Instrumental (Concentration)</b> Prepare to teach K-12 music of any type with training in band, orchestra, and instrumental instruction.</p> <p><a href="#">View Program of Study</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Program-Specific Requirements</a></p>	<p><b>Total Credit Hours:</b> 123 Hours (varies by track)</p> <p><b>Delivery Format:</b> On Campus</p> <p><b>Completion Time:</b> 4 years (full-time)</p> <p><b>Academic Unit:</b> <a href="#">Schwob School of Music</a></p>	<p><a href="#">View Admission Requirements</a></p>

Program Highlights **Your Academic Experience**

- **100% job placement rate** for graduates seeking teaching positions
- **Hands-on internships** with the Voices of the Valley Children’s Chorus, a nationally recognized ensemble in residence at CSU
- **Faculty are award-winning** music educators, active performers, and published researchers
- **Small class sizes** averaging 12 students
- Students complete **student teaching** in Georgia public schools before graduation

The Music Education faculty at CSU are not only teachers but also active leaders in the profession. Dr. Victoria Warnet has presented research at the international, national, state, and district levels and has been published in top-tier journals, including the *Journal of Research in Music Education*. She was also a GRAMMY Music Educator of the Year Nominee and recipient of the College of the Arts Researcher of the Year Award.

Dr. Michelle Folta, artistic director of the Voices of the Valley Children's Chorus, leads a nationally recognized ensemble that has performed at GMEA, ACDA Southern Division, and internationally, with a Carnegie Hall performance upcoming in 2026. Dr. Folta is also a GRAMMY Music Educator Award Finalist and recipient of CSU's Faculty Service Award and Columbus in the Valley's 5 Under 40 award.

Students and alumni are consistently recognized for their excellence. Recent honors include four Teachers of the Year awards at the school level, a Top 10 Teacher of the Year in the District, and winners of the Georgia ACDA Young Director's Award. Graduates are regularly invited to present and perform at GMEA and ACDA events.

#### What Can You Do With This Degree?

Explore job trends, average salaries, and growing opportunities so you can see how your degree connects to meaningful career pathways and the future of your field.

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Admission Requirements  
Your Pathway to  
CSU

### **Institutional Admission Requirements**

All applicants must meet our institutional admissions requirements to be accepted into Columbus State University.

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