

**School of Music  
Illinois State University**

**Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Music**

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**Program Objectives**

The objectives of the BA and BS in Music degree programs are to assist students to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of music of all historical periods and styles of music;
  - Demonstrate skills and competencies in musical performance in applied study and ensembles;
  - Demonstrate skills in musical analysis, part-writing, and composition;
  - Become a critical, informed listener and consumer of music.
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**Assessment of Student Outcomes**

The BA and BS degree programs have a number of assessments all students must pass before they can graduate.

- A most critical initial step is that all students desiring to enter BA and BS programs in Music must first be admitted to the School of Music in some performing medium such as trumpet, voice, or piano. It is at this point that a “casual” music student would be eliminated. Only students demonstrating sufficient performance skills and also promise for future growth are admitted to the program.
  - Subsequently, all students must progress successfully through the core curriculum at the freshman and sophomore levels. In addition, students must show progress in their applied music studies by passing the juries at the conclusion of each term.
  - At the conclusion of their second year all students take the Senior College Exam, a comprehensive music test. The test assesses an appropriate level of mastery of aural dictation, music literature, sight singing, and performance. Failure in one or more areas means that the student will have to re-take the part(s) of the exam failed. Students are given two opportunities to pass this examination. If they fail, they are dismissed from the BM program.
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