

Music is a social art, a vehicle for expression, and a vocation for those passionate about the field. At St. Ambrose University, we are just as passionate about music and truly care about your success. Here you will find an open, safe, and welcoming atmosphere in a setting where students and faculty are respectful and supportive of each other. We provide the intensive professional training that aspiring musicians and educators need.

**Options and opportunities.** You may choose from two majors: a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Bachelor of Music Education. The advantages here include small class sizes where you will find excellent instruction by dedicated faculty who are experts in our fields (not teaching assistants); performing and conducting experience in ensembles; you can perform and study vocal and instrumental music as well as gain performance experience in theater; and you can double major in any combination of degrees.

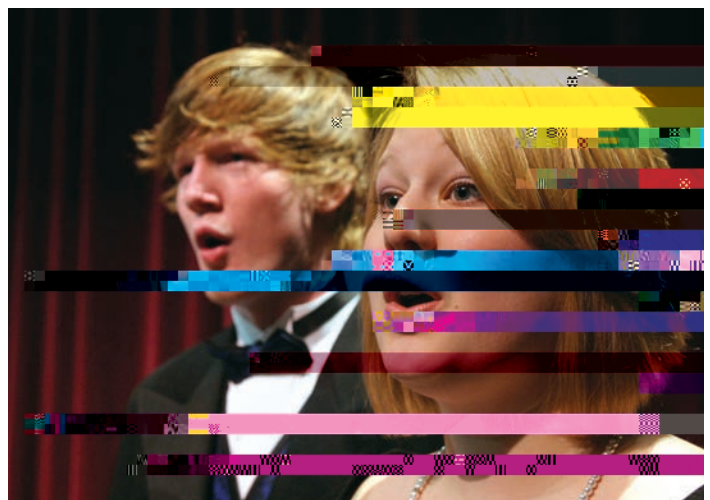
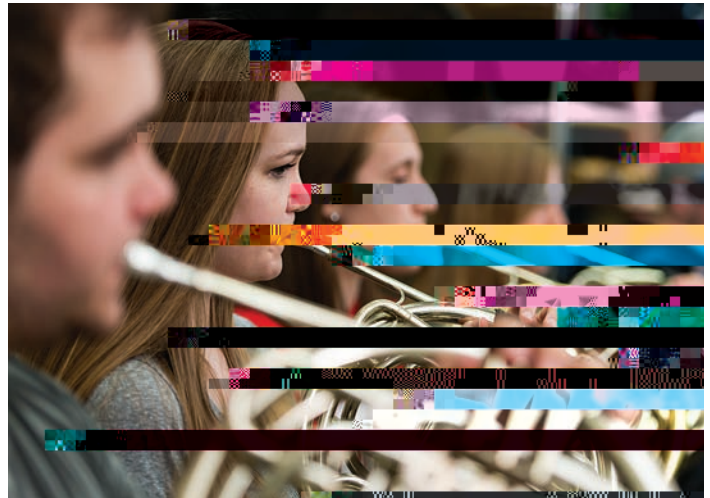
**Freedom to explore.** Our ensembles include Symphonic Band, String Ensemble, University Chorale, Chamber Singers, Jazz Ensemble, STAMVOJA (vocal jazz ensemble), Bee Sharp (men’s vocal group), and Belle Voce (women’s vocal group). You’ll also receive unique opportunities to compose, teach, and conduct, including conducting large ensembles in a public performance. Here students have the freedom to explore music through the various opportunities that exist only on a small campus.

**Discover new worlds.** We prepare students for life-long involvement in music by developing performance skills, creativity, aesthetic judgment, historical and cultural understanding, and critical thinking. Music majors receive a comprehensive education in their field, including study in music theory, conducting, music education, history and literature, music theatre, liturgical music, and all areas of applied performance.

### Ambrose Advantages

**Experience and leadership opportunities.** As a music student at St. Ambrose University, you’ll have the opportunity to participate from the start of your undergraduate career in our large ensembles as well as numerous solo and other small group performance opportunities both on- and off-campus. The number and diversity of music groups is large for a department of our size, which gives students all the experience they’d receive at other schools, but with the benefit of more attention and leadership opportunities.

**Many venues.** Our location allows for students to attend and participate in music at many venues and by ensembles such as: River Music Experience, Quad City Symphony Orchestra, Bix Jazz Music Festival, Mississippi Blues Festival, Nova Singers, the Adler Theatre—and we’re only three hours from downtown Chicago.



**Helping you succeed.** If you are interested in teaching music, our music education majors receive a great deal of field experience before student teaching. For those who go on to graduate school, we have an excellent track record of students being accepted into the school of their choice. All music education graduates who actively seek a teaching position are successful in obtaining employment in their field. We nurture the whole student by quality advising; we’re not just about the music, but also about the person that is becoming a well-rounded musician contributing to society.

Music students at St. Ambrose can expect:

- > close working relationships and a collaborative spirit with other departments such as theatre
- > students who support each other collegially instead of being in an overly competitive environment
- > faculty who are active professionals in all areas of music
- > faculty who value students and know the real person
- > mentors who really care, and are easily approachable

