The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Music Department offers high-quality programs in music leading to the degrees Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Science in Music, Master of Science in Education-Fine Arts, as well as Minors in Music and Musical Theater. The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

Students will benefit from excellent preparation for a career in music, or for continuation to graduate school. The faculty and staff in the Music Department are accomplished, experienced, and distinguished teachers, scholars, artists, and leaders in the musical community.

Music majors take advantage of the comfortable, friendly, and scenic UWRF campus, while within close proximity to the excellent cultural offerings of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.

The Music Department at UWRF has many unique opportunities that will give students a one-of-kind education. Students have the chance to have applied music studio instruction in all areas, perform in local and internationally, and gain hands-on experience through internships with performing arts organizations.

Audition Requirement
All applicants for admission to degree programs in music must satisfactorily complete a performance audition. Letters of admittance will be sent two weeks after the final audition date. All applicants will be considered for scholarships; those who are awarded a scholarship will receive notification with their letter of admittance into the music program. Auditions are only required of students interested in majoring in Music.

Ensembles
UW-River Falls has a wide variety of instrumental and choral/vocal ensembles for students to participate in. Ensembles include:

Vocal/Ensembles:
Concert Choir, Women’s Chorus, Men’s Chorus, Chamber Singers

Instrumental Ensembles:
Symphony Band, St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra, St. Croix Valley Community Band, Falcon Band, Jazz Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Trombone Choir, Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, Saxophone Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Piano Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, String Chamber Music Ensemble

Field Experience
Beyond the classroom, the Music Department provides learning experiences that will enable students to become productive in their musical or teaching endeavors. Students will experience diverse educational and cultural opportunities within the university and global community, and engage in research, scholarship, and creative activity to further their knowledge of music.

Vocal and instrumental ensembles members have participated in domestic and international tours, showcasing their talents around the world. Previous locations include China, Czech Republic, England, France, Iceland, Scotland plus Chicago, Madison, New Orleans, and New York. The tours enhance the cultural life of the university and community and stimulate cultural growth and understanding amongst students and throughout the region.

Innovative ways of teaching also take place within the classroom at UW-River Falls. The Commissioned Composer Project gives student members of the commission the opportunity to select and commission a composer to write a piece of music for the student body, and arranges for that composer to come to the campus in the spring to interact with the students and take part in the premiere performance of that work.

Conrad De Jong, composer and professor emeritus, initiated the commissioned composer event in 1967 at the school’s Spring Fine Arts Festival. De Jong’s intention from the beginning was to ensure that contemporary trends in American music would become part of the repertoire of River Falls music students.

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