



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

Bachelor of Music Sydney Conservatorium of Music

New for 2018, our Bachelor of Music offers programs in digital music and media, contemporary, improvised and creative music. If you're interested in the music of today, this degree is for you.

Our new four-year Bachelor of Music equips you with a broad range of skills in various music and arts-related contexts and professions to prepare you for a career in music.

This degree is aimed at the digital musician who composes on their laptop, the creative composer who wants to write music for games and film, the performer who loves improvising, or the student in the best band at high school.

The course structure gives you the flexibility to study music and a range of electives such as art, film studies or design. We want to prepare you for a variety of careers, some of which may not even exist yet.

With classes at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in the heart of the city, and the University's Camperdown Campus you'll have the best of both worlds as you study and perform music.

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“I really loved the introduction to digital techniques class as it opened my mind to experimental and conceptual artists of the 20th century who were pushing the boundaries of sound and technology.

“It was also my first foray into producing electronic music. The University of Sydney has since started the wonderful contemporary music course, which aims to nurture these interests in individual and collaborative environments.”

Rainbow Chan
Bachelor of Arts (Music) 2011
Lecturer in Contemporary
Music Practice



Choose one of these programs in the Bachelor of Music

Contemporary Music Practice

If contemporary music is your passion, you should study with the best in the business. Whether you want to be on stage or behind the scenes producing and writing songs, you'll have access to a diverse range of industry practitioners, who will help you create your own original music.

Creative Music

If you dream of composing music for audiences beyond the concert hall, collaborating with performers and writing music for film, television and online, this is the program for you. Learn from Australia's most gifted composers, working across instrumental and vocal to electronic and electroacoustic music.

Digital Music and Media

Are you interested in computer-based and interactive musical creativity? If you want to create music for online games and other new media and technologies, this program is ideal. Our facilities include computer labs with the latest in music technology. You could be the next star of Vivid!

Improvised Music

Learn how to improvise or create new music in a range of musical styles, including the jazz tradition. You'll be taught by some of the most highly regarded improvised music practitioners in Australia. We also offer performance opportunities with three big bands and 11 small ensembles.

Musicology major

You can also take a Musicology major in the Bachelor of Music. This is a perfect choice if you are interested in the history of music, how it is constructed, understood and used by people around the world.

More information

To learn more about the Bachelor of Music, or to view our 2018 student guide for all courses available at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, please visit our website:

– music.sydney.edu.au/study



“As a result of meeting people through my degree, I’m playing in two bands, one of which won the USYD Band Competition and another that has supported big bands like Miami Horror. I’m also currently working at FBI radio as a broadcaster.”

Joe Plunkett

Third-year Bachelor of Music Studies
(Contemporary Music Practice) student

What's your musical passion?

I'm interested in ...	I'd like to be a ...	Start with a ...	Further options ...
Popular music	> Singer/songwriter Music producer	> Bachelor of Music (4 years full time) > Contemporary Music Practice	<i>Postgraduate coursework degrees</i>
Writing scores for film and TV ads	> Composer/arranger for film, TV and advertising	> Creative Music	Graduate Diploma in Music Performance Opera Performance
Video games; Interactive sound design	> Video game composer Audio producer Sound designer	> Digital Music and Media	Master of Music Studies Performance Opera Performance Conducting
Improvising music; Jazz; World music	> Jazz musician Collaborative musician Folk musician	> Improvised Music	
Writing about music and music history	> Writer Researcher Arts manager	> Musicology (major)	<i>Postgraduate research degrees</i>
Performing classical music	> Orchestral/chamber musician Opera singer Conductor	> Bachelor of Music (Performance) (4 years full time)	> Master of Music (Research) Performance Conducting Composition Music Education Musicology
Performing jazz music	> Professional jazz musician/singer	>	
Writing classical music for the concert hall	> Professional composer	> Bachelor of Music (Composition) (4 years full time)	Doctor of Musical Arts Performance Conducting Composition
Teaching music	> Primary/high school music teacher	> Bachelor of Music (Music Education) (4 years full time)	
Arts and music	> Music journalist Arts manager Music researcher	> Bachelor of Arts (Music major) (3 years full time) > Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Music major) (4 years full time)	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Join our music community!

Find out all you need to know about studying at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

– music.sydney.edu.au/study

Visit us

Saturday 26 August 2017

The University of Sydney Open Day includes a full day of activities at the Conservatorium. Join us for concerts and masterclasses, and meet some amazing talent from the contemporary music world!

– music.sydney.edu.au/open-day

Saturday 16 December 2017

University of Sydney Info Day

Application dates

1 September 2017*

Application deadline for Early Round performance auditions (including Improvised Music) and online submission of portfolios for:

- Bachelor of Music programs in Contemporary Music Practice; Creative Music; or Digital Music and Media
- Bachelor of Music with a major in Musicology
- Bachelor of Music (Composition).

25 to 30 September 2017

Early Round auditions

29 September 2017*

Application deadline for Late Round auditions and online submission of portfolios for the same programs, as listed above.

27 November to 8 December 2017

(excluding weekends)

Late Round auditions

* Some exceptions apply. Check the exact dates for your chosen program at sydney.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-music

Read our newsletter

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