

**CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
ADMISSION FAQ'S**

Q: How do I apply to Cal Poly Pomona?

A: See <http://dsa.csupomona.edu/admissions/> for all admission information to the University.

Q: Is there a separate application to the Music Department?

A: No, but you should indicate Music as your intended major.

Q: What programs/majors does the Music Department offer?

A: The Music department offers a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. Students choose either a Music Performance (instrumental, vocal, keyboard, guitar, commercial), Music Education or Music Industry Studies (recording technology, music production, music business) emphasis.

View all curriculum information here:

<http://www.class.csupomona.edu/mu/curriculum.html>

Your degree requirements are found on the curriculum pages for each of the emphasis areas.

Q: Is there an audition for acceptance to the Music Department?

A: The Music department does not require an audition for acceptance in the Bachelor of Arts, but there is an audition for studio (individual instruction), scholarships and for ensembles. Information about those auditions is sent to all Music majors accepted to the University.

Q: What is Cal Poly Pomona's "learn by doing" philosophy?

A: "Learn by doing," Cal Poly Pomona's philosophy, combines theory with practice to enable students to gain real world experience in the major before graduation, making our graduates highly sought after by companies and professionals. In the Music Department this is a central part of our every day teaching and often culminates with service learning opportunities, internships, field experiences in music education, master classes with renowned artists and many opportunities for collaboration.

Q: How is the music department "polytechnic"?

A: In the "polytechnic tradition," the Music Department offers coursework that promotes current technology in music. Many of our classes, both lecture and performance based classes, employ current technology in the classroom.

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Students take courses in our surround sound digital recording studio and in our music technology lab. In addition, our MIDI Ensemble concert series offers students opportunities to combine digital and multi-media resources in the performance of music.

Q: Who are the faculty at Cal Poly Pomona's Music Department?

A: Our faculty are dedicated professionals in teaching and are scholars/performers in their fields. For a complete listing of the Music Department faculty, please visit this page:
<http://www.class.csupomona.edu/mu/facultystaff.html>

Q: What facilities does the Music Department have?

A: The Music Department makes its home in Building 24 with our main office located in room 141. Our facilities contain instrumental and choral rehearsal rooms, classrooms, practice rooms, teaching studios, piano lab, recording studios, computer lab, music library, recital hall and offices for faculty and staff.

Q: What type of students attend Cal Poly Pomona's Music Department

A: Many different kinds of students are attracted to Cal Poly Pomona's Music program because a strong diversity of programs is offered. The Department firmly believes that the Music Department encourages all students to realize their highest musical, academic and professional potential. We prepare individuals for a variety of careers in music, including teaching, performance, and in the music industry.

Students from diverse musical backgrounds study at Cal Poly Pomona. Some come to us with a strong foundational core in musical performance and fundamental skills and want to pursue those areas in performance or teaching. Others come to us with fundamental skills but their career desire is in exploring the music industry.

We offer traditional ensemble courses such as Concert Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers Jazz Ensemble, but these are supplemented by Salsa Ensemble, Soul Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Piano Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, MIDI Ensemble and our Music Theatre Workshop. In addition, we have a significant number of songwriters in the department and they have performed in numerous songwriter showcases demonstrating their new works.

The Music department firmly believes in presenting a balanced view of the musical contributions of both genders and the various nationalities and ethnicities of California's population. We value diversity and therefore reflect that in course

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content and repertoire choices. The University's student population reflects the diversity of our surroundings. Additionally, Cal Poly Pomona has many international students and we value the opportunities for global learning.

Q. Why should I attend Cal Poly Pomona?

A: Our students say they attend Cal Poly Pomona because we have:

- *highly qualified faculty in performance, education and in the music industry
- *state of the art equipment
- *opportunities for solo and ensemble performances
- *opportunities for diverse and creative projects
- *unique programs and events
- *active student clubs that promote networking and support
- *encouraging faculty who work together to develop each student's creative potential
- *excellent advising, mentoring, community outreach and career planning
- *a collaborative community of students and faculty
- *a "family atmosphere" where students don't get lost in the shuffle
- *experienced and caring faculty and staff
- *a uniquely beautiful campus with breathtaking views
- *an affordable way to get your degree in something you love to do!

Q: Can I transfer to Cal Poly Pomona from another college or University?

A: The Department of Music accepts transfer students. Please visit the url below for more information. Students who transfer may need to take placement exams like an entering student and, we do our best to grant credit for work done at other institutions. Read more here:

<http://dsa.csupomona.edu/admissions/transfers.asp>

Q: How many transfer units do I need to apply to Cal Poly Pomona?

A: Students can transfer to Cal Poly Pomona as an upper division transfer or a lower division transfer. The requirements for each are different. All admission requirements for transfer students can be found at:
http://dsa.csupomona.edu/admissions/admrqmnts_ftp.asp

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Q: What events happen at the Cal Poly Pomona Music Department?

A: The Music department puts on 50-60 events per year, consisting of faculty concerts, student recitals, ensemble concerts, guest artists, alumni concerts and music industry events. A complete listing of events can be found on our publicity pages: <http://www.csupomona.edu/~tkelly/index.html>

There you can access the current Music Department ***Calendar of Events; the Music Quarterly*** Newsletter filled with alumni, faculty, student and department news; ***Meet The Maestro*** Faculty Interviews; recent Music ***Press Releases*** and related PolyCentric articles, and printable versions of Event Posters; our ***Photo Gallery*** of recent concerts, as well as Publicity Policies and Guidelines ***From The Office of Music Publicity***.

Q: What about student clubs?

A: The Music Department has two thriving student clubs: MEISA and MENC. The Music and Entertainment Industry Student Association (MEISA) is comprised of university students with an interest in the music and entertainment industries. Members gain experience and the opportunity to network with industry professionals on local, regional, and national levels. Cal Poly Pomona's chapter is extremely active both on campus and in the community.

The Music Educators National Conference (MENC) is comprised of university students who are interested in working with young people through music. Members explore the many ways of teaching and sharing music in today's society, network with teachers in the field, and gain experience in actual teaching. Cal Poly Pomona's chapter presents events on campus and assists in the surrounding schools, including Pomona's Downtown Center.

The two clubs often work together co-producing numerous events and activities.

The Athletics Department, in conjunction with Music Faculty, advises the Cal Poly Pomona Pep Band which is student run and can be found at all men's and women's home basketball games.

Q: What about student housing?

A: Learn more about Residence Housing here: exchange.csupomona.edu/exchange/

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<http://www.dsa.csupomona.edu/uhs/default.asp>

Q. What scholarships are available to music students?

A: The music department awards approximately \$25,000 in scholarships each year. Many, but not all, are for continuing students. A scholarship brochure, which can be printed out, is available at:

<http://www.class.csupomona.edu/mu/assets/scholarshipbrochure.jpg>

Scholarship auditions are held in May for the next academic year. Please contact the department chair for information about scholarship auditions.

Q: What about Financial Aid?

A: Learn about estimated costs and financial aid possibilities here:

http://www.dsa.csupomona.edu/financial_aid/default.asp

Q: Can I visit Cal Poly Pomona and the Music Department?

A: We encourage students and their families to schedule a tour through the Visitors Center: <http://www.dsa.csupomona.edu/visitors/>

If you would like to visit the Music Department when you come to visit the University, please call the Music Department Office: (909) 869-3548. Our administrative support coordinator will assist you.