

MUSIC AT  
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

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Discover  
Your  
Sound.  
Shape  
Your  
Future.



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
MUSIC, THEATRE, AND DANCE



## Why Study Music at CNU?

At Christopher Newport University, you won't just study music, you'll live it. Our program blends world-class training, small-group mentorship, and countless opportunities to perform, create, travel, and grow.

Whether you dream of performing on stage, composing for film, teaching the next generation, or bringing music into unexpected places, we help you get there.

150+  
performances  
each year

20+  
ensembles

All ensembles are open to any CNU student by audition.

## Study Abroad

Music majors travel the world through:

Exchange programs in England

Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble international tours

Marching Captains national and international trips

Accredited by the **National Association of Schools of Music**, which guarantees rigorous training, exceptional faculty, and top-tier performance opportunities.



**At CNU, you don't wait for your moment.  
You perform from day one.**

**Ensembles include**

University Orchestra	Opera CNU
Wind Ensemble	Jazz Ensemble & Combo
University Band	Marching Captains
Chamber Choir	Pep Band
University Chorale	Electronic Music Ensemble

Flute, Trombone, Trumpet, Saxophone,  
Harp & Percussion Ensembles

**Performance Highlights**

150+ performances each year  
Solos, recitals, chamber concerts,  
major ensemble productions  
Holiday Happening  
Family Weekend Music Showcase  
Honor ensemble festivals &  
state-wide invitationals



**Success  
After CNU**

**Our graduates have  
performed with:**

U.S. Military Bands  
Opera companies  
Orchestras  
Broadway productions

**Others work as:**

Composers for film & TV  
Studio technicians  
Music educators  
Arts leaders & administrators

**Degrees That Launch Careers**

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music**

Flexible, customizable, and ideal for pairing with another major.  
Music Studies: Strong foundation in theory, history, and performance  
Creative Studies: Recording arts, music technology, and sound design,

**Bachelor of Music (BM)**

A professional track for serious musicians. Areas of concentration  
include choral and instrumental pre-certification, composition,  
and performance.

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)**

A five-year pathway to becoming a certified PK–12 music educator—  
one of the most in-demand fields in Virginia and beyond.

**Minor in Music**

Open to all students. No audition required.

Our graduates  
perform, teach,  
compose, record,  
and lead all over  
the world.







## Perform in Professional Spaces

Train and perform in the Ferguson Center for the Arts, where touring artists, Broadway shows, orchestras, and international ensembles take the stage.



Tribble Library  
Rotunda



Peebles Theatre



Recording Studio



# GO BIG HERE.

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## Endless Possibilities

Christopher Newport University graduates leave fully prepared to succeed on the stage, in the classroom, and in careers across the arts and beyond. More than **94% of CNU** graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation.

Through immersive performance opportunities, internships, hands-on work experience, personalized career counseling, and faculty mentorship, CNU ensures you graduate with the skills, confidence, and professional readiness to take your next step, wherever your passion leads.

## A beautiful, safe, modern campus

Top-tier labs, inspiring architecture, and award-winning residence halls.

## The perfect location

Beaches, history, trails, museums, roller coasters, and major research centers are all minutes away.



## See what's possible

Schedule a visit Monday–Saturday and discover why so many students choose to become Captains.

**[cnu.edu/admission](https://cnu.edu/admission)**  
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