Music, BA

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. A minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.80 in music coursework and a minimum cumulative University of Iowa GPA of 3.33 are required.

To graduate with honors, students must complete a minimum of 6 s.h. of honors work in music, generally in their junior and senior years. They must complete a minimum of 3 s.h. of the required honors work in MUS:4995 Honors in Music by completing one or more honors projects, such as solo or ensemble recitals; compositions, transcriptions, orchestrations, or arrangements; and essays, research papers, editions, or translations. Honors projects must be in addition to the projects required for graduation with a major in music.

Students may also earn honors credit in other honors courses (upper-level undergraduate courses) or in approved graduate courses (music history and music theory are particularly recommended).

For complete details about graduation requirements with honors in the music major, visit Honors in Music on the School of Music website and consult the school's honors advisor.

National Honor Society

The School of Music sponsors a chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society. Students of exceptional ability are recommended for membership by faculty members. For more information, consult the School of Music honors advisor.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the music major.