

Be A Music Major For A Day . . .

If you are interested in becoming a music major at SVSU, please consider coming to campus and visiting a class, sitting in on a rehearsal, observing a private lesson, taking a private lesson, meeting with a music student, and visiting with faculty.

Please contact Dr. Norman Wika at (989)964-4384 or nwika@svsu.edu for more information.



"Saginaw Valley State University Music Department gave me the tools, confidence, and laid the foundation for my career as a successful Army musician. Without my time and experience at SVSU my life would not be the same."

John Folco,
class of 1999

"SVSU's music department balances the rigor of academic work with real-world experiences in teaching and performing. I felt just as prepared to begin my career as a music educator, as I did to begin graduate school. Some of the material that I was assigned in graduate school had actually been introduced to me by SVSU's music curriculum first."

"Another benefit to attending SVSU is the smaller classroom size which allows easy communication with the professors. The professors also offer advisement and mentorship with scheduling classes so that each student can complete their degree on time. The combination of professional skill-building with communal music-making creates a rich environment that promotes student efficacy."

Dustin Mallory, '09
SVSU music alum



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We perform.

The SVSU Department of Music offers professional caliber educational opportunities and performances through two majors, music minors, and a variety of ensembles.

Why SVSU's Department of Music?

- Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music
- World-class performance facilities
- Small classes taught only by faculty
- Cutting-edge technology
- Recent graduates are successfully teaching music at elementary, secondary, and college level

Degree Programs:

- BA in Music
- BA in Music Education
- Possible minors: Musical Theatre, Entrepreneurship, Theatre, Foreign Language, Communication

Department of Music Application Information

To apply to Saginaw Valley State University's Department of Music, please visit svsu.edu/musicdepartment/applynow.



Estimated Undergraduate Cost 2022-2023

SCHOOL	Per Year
Saginaw Valley State University	\$11,130
Northern Michigan University	\$13,206
Lake Superior State University	\$13,200
University of Michigan - Flint	\$12,322
Central Michigan University	\$13,094
Grand Valley State University	\$13,900
Ferris State University	\$13,188
Western Michigan University	\$13,434
University of Michigan - Dearborn	\$13,816
Eastern Michigan University	\$15,500
Oakland University	\$15,135
Wayne State University	\$15,199
Michigan State University	\$15,966
University of Michigan - AA	\$17,193
Michigan Tech University	\$18,215

Source: HEIDI - Tuition & Fees based on 30 credit hours for Freshman

Full-Time Faculty

Dr. Brandon Haskett James Hohmeyer
Dr. Eric Nisula Dr. Norman Wika
Dr. Colin Wood

All college students are welcome to join all the ensembles.

Major Ensembles

Concert Band, Cardinal Marching Band, & Wind Ensemble*

Norman Wika • nwika@svsu.edu

Concert Choir & Cardinal Singers*
James Hohmeyer • jfhohmey@svsu.edu

Jazz Ensemble* & Jazz Combos
Colin Wood • cwood@svsu.edu

*auditioned ensemble

Applied Instructors

clarinet: Cassandra O'Brien
euphonium: Stefan Stolarchuk
flute: Townes Osborn Miller
guitar: Eric Merkle
horn: Annie Chapman Brewer
jazz improv.: Colin Wood
organ: Anna Leppert-Largent
percussion: Jonathan Ovalle
piano: Chia-Ying Chan
Anna Leppert-Largent
saxophone: Susan Littell
trombone: Stefan Stolarchuk
trumpet: Jacinda Ripley
tuba: Stefan Stolarchuk
voice: Rachelle Austin
James Hohmeyer

"As a student of the Saginaw Valley State University music program, I was given the opportunity to specialize in the musical style I preferred as well as being given the backbone of standard repertoire and challenging pieces that stretched my capabilities to new levels. The program is highly individualized, and based on the ability of the student, which allows for a student to grow independently of their peers and discover their own specialty, be it teaching, performing minimalist music or studying non-western music."

Kade Greene, class of 2016