Music



Develop your musical skills and knowledge with Christian professors who encourage your creativity and relate faith to the art and craft of music.

Engage in the serious study, composition and performance of great music at an advanced level. Discover the vital role music plays in the liberal arts and the Westmont community. Choose from the general, music performance, and music composition tracks or earn the professional Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) degree that leads to a public school teaching credential. Study at a school accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

SPECIFIC MAJORS

- Music B.A. General
- Music B.A. Performance
- Music B.A. Composition
- Music B.A. Worship Leadership
- B.M.E. Music Education
- B.M. Performance (concentration in Voice, Piano, or Orchestral Instrument)

SELECTED COURSES

- Principles of Music
- Ensembles
- Private Lessons
- Conducting
- Music History
- Composition
- Orchestras, Choirs, Chamber Music, Jazz Ensemble
- Annual Opera/Musical Theater Productions

CAREER PATHS

- Performing musician
- Music teacher
- Church music
- Music publishing
- Music management
- Music business
- Recording
- Broadcasting

*Highly supportive music scholarship program available to all qualified students, both majors and non-majors



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



MICHAEL SHASBERGER, D.M.A.

Orchestra.

Opera and Literature

Conducting, Church Music,

STEVE HODSON, D.M.A

Piano, Organ, Conducting



GREY BROTHERS, Ph.D

Music History, Choral Conducting, Church Music



STEVE BUTLER, D.M.A.

Composition, Computer Aided Music, Music Theory



HAN SOO KIM, D.M.A.

Internationally acclaimed violinist, Chamber Music

DANIEL GEE, M.M.

College Choir, Chamber Singers, Conducting, Composition

Along with renowned specialists on every orchestral instrument, voice, organ, strings and piano



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Music Semester in Vienna
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia
- Regular international ensemble tours

ALUMNI

Luke Mizuki '15 and Emily Rutherford Mizuki '15 met as first-year Music Majors in Westmont's Music Department, fell in love on choir tour in Russia and Lithuania, and got married two years after graduating from Westmont. They both went on to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching from the Longy School of Music in Los Angeles and currently teach general music, band, and choir at public and private schools in Orange County. "At Westmont, we were encouraged to explore all the facets of music: composing and conducting, collaborating and accompanying, and of course teaching - before Music Education was even available as a major! Having such a well-rounded education in both the liberal arts and music has proven invaluable for us as musicians and educators." Aaron Wilk '16 majored in biology, chemistry, and music with an emphasis in piano performance. He is currently an MD/PhD student at Stanford University where he studies how the immune system can protect from and contribute to viral diseases, including Covid-19. He continues to study piano at Stanford, staying active in solo performance and chamber music. "In high school, I was worried about finding ways to balance my two academic passions: science and music. Westmont provided me with the flexibility and resources to pursue both passions well. The interdisciplinary approach of the Westmont liberal arts education, combined with the vibrant community of the Music Department, presents a one-of-a-kind opportunity to holistically develop your musical craft."



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