

Welcome

College Night for Musicians



Our Family Journey

Will—University of Iowa
Andrea—Eastman School of Music



Ethan (WV '15)—Music Major

- Baldwin Wallace University
- Vocal Performance (Opera)
- Desire to continue French Horn
- Applied to 6 schools

Emma (WV '13)--Science

- St. Olaf College
- Desire to continue cello and harp
- Large ensemble
- Chamber music
- Applied to 8 schools

Best Music Schools 2016

Q & A: Majoring in Music

What are the most common questions students and their parents have about music school? Barbara Weidlein should know. Since co-founding the website MajoringInMusic.com in 2010, Weidlein has spent countless hours talking with faculty members, administrators, and college students at hundreds of schools. Her site features free articles about careers and majors in music, responses for students,

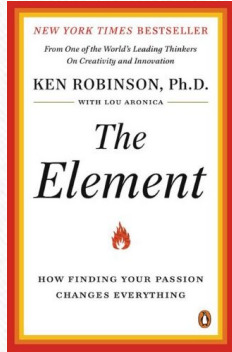


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Barbra Weidlein

How to start: From the Inside Out.

- *What are you passionate about now?*
- *What else would you like to learn while you're in college?*
- *What kind of environment are you most likely to thrive in?*
- *What opportunities are you looking for?*
- *What kinds of support systems will be available to help you figure out how to achieve your goals?*
- *What latitude will you have to take classes in areas that interest you now, as well as subjects you might stumble upon later, that fall outside of your required curriculum?*



The Element

How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything

“I use the term *the Element* to describe the place where the things we love to do and the things we are good at come together.”

--Sir Ken Robinson



Match your Mindset

-
- *Community College*
 - *Small Liberal Arts College*
(private, religious)
 - *Large University*
(state)
 - *Rural*
 - *Suburban*
 - *Urban*
 - *Comfortable Drive*
 - *Flight*
 - *Close to Friends/Relatives*



What Type of Music School Is Right?

Conservatories

Music Colleges

Music Schools

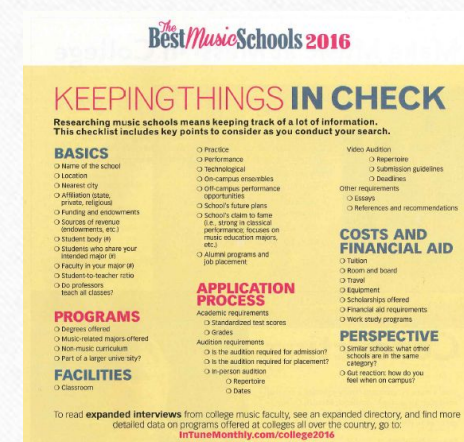
Conservatories within Universities

University Music Departments

Liberal Arts Colleges with Music Departments

Contemporary Music Industry Programs...

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?



Music Degrees

Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of (Fine) Arts, Music Minor

- *Performance*
- *Music Education*
- *Theory*
- *Composition*
- *History/Musicology*
- *Conducting*
- *Church Music*
- *Music Therapy*
- *Jazz Studies*
- *Arts Administration*
- *Music Industry*
- *Music Theatre*
- *Recording Technology*

Dual Degrees

Dual Degrees: Lawrence University and Oberlin College pride themselves on being on the forefront of offering double degrees over the course of many years.

At Lawrence's Conservatory of Music, half the students also enroll in the BA/BM program that “allows you to immerse yourself in music and at least one other field of study at a very high level.” This 5-year program provides a strong background in both music and another area students are passionate about.

Double Majors

Double Majors: Another option for students who want to pursue more than just music is the double major. At many colleges, students can double major within the music school or between the music school and another department. This is a great opportunity for students to earn a music degree in four years, while studying another interest.

Music education undergraduate students earn their musical performance degrees alongside their K-12 teaching certificates. This unique pairing provides students with top quality musicianship and academic preparation to enable them to excel in the complex role as music educators.

Music Minors and Non-Music Majors

Music Minors: Minor in music or playing with an ensemble are great alternatives for students who want to stay involved in music, but choose to major in another field. These students must have an area of performance experience and take the required theory, ear training, music history, and elective courses.

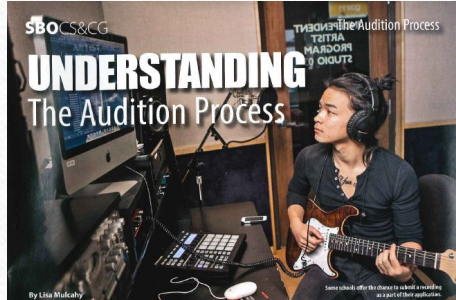
Most schools also allow **non-music majors** to perform in ensembles or take music lessons. So if you want to study piano with a private teacher or play violin in an orchestra while majoring in engineering or business, make sure that the college you're interested in has these opportunities.



The Value of the Visit

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- The best place to start is by visiting several colleges.
- Schedule a campus tour when school is in session.
- Request a **sample lesson** through the admission office.
- Don't know what to ask? Listen carefully to the other parents.
- Introduce yourself and have lunch with another parent/student.
- At lunch, pick up and read the student paper, look at the bulletin board flyers, get a feeling for student life
- Debrief and take good notes (top three list)
- Campus Observations: New Science Buildings, Outstanding Food Choices, Work Out Facilities, Wireless, Collaborative Work Areas...
- A second visit is especially valuable
- Keep an open mind



Understanding The Audition Process

Website Information

- Specific literature requirements
- Audition dates
- Audition format
- Accompanist

Stress

- Student
- Parent

Timeline

- Admission to Conservatory
- Admission to College
- Decisions



Finding the Money

- Learn the Institutional Process
- Seek out scholarship information to better understand a realistic (generous) amount
- Create a spreadsheet for comparison
- Be prepared to negotiate
- Expect a 2-3% yearly tuition increase
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- CSS Financial Aid PROFILE (College Scholarship Service)
- College Savings?--You may consider upgrading to a better instrument before heading off to college...

Questions?

Thank you for coming this evening!