

Are You Interested in Engineering and Music?

Students at VU are able to participate in music without having to be a music major.

Many engineering students choose to pursue a music minor in addition to their engineering degree. The requirements for this minor can easily be coordinated with any engineering major. The music minor consists of a minimum of 16 credit hours in music, along with the authorized attendance of 20 concerts and the passing of the Keyboard Competency Test.

If a minor in music is not for you, there are a number of other musical opportunities for musicians of all levels. Studio instruction is available for a wide range of skill levels and instruments. There are also numerous ensembles in which to participate.

Courses to complete the music minor

MUS 109 Musicianship I	2 credits
MUS 110 Musicianship II	2 credits
MUS 163 Music Theory I	3 credits
MUS 164 Music Theory II	3 credits
MUS 201 Development of Western Music	2 credits
Studio Lessons (4 semesters at 1 credit each)	4 credits

If you are interested in pursuing a minor in music, your advisor can aid you in creating a plan of study.

Large Musical Ensembles on Campus

Large musical ensemble opportunities for engineering students include several bands, choirs, and an orchestra.

Bands

Chamber Concert Band (1 credit): the premier auditioned symphonic band at Valparaiso University which plays the finest in band music on and off campus with special focus on original band compositions. The Luce Band (1 credit): an auditioned symphonic band focusing on the development of skills formation, the core of the University Community Band, and also rehearses as a separate ensemble. University Community Band (.5 credit): a once-a-week, no-audition band for students and members of the community with regular public performances. VU Jazz Ensemble (1 credit): an auditioned "big band" which performs both traditional and contemporary jazz, with performance opportunities on and off campus, and annual clinic experiences with top jazz legends.

Orchestra

Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra (1 credit): the premier auditioned symphonic orchestra at Valparaiso University which performs major orchestral repertoire, music theatre, oratorio, and concerti.

Choirs

Valparaiso University Chorale (1 credit): a select concert and touring choir of 50 voices, seeking to uphold the highest standard of the choral art through performance of the greatest choral literature of all eras. Kantorei (1 credit): a select touring religious choir of 46 voices which serves as the choir of the Chapel of the Resurrection, specializes in festive liturgies, and sings a diverse repertoire of sacred music from chant to Bach to music in folk and jazz idioms. University Singers (1 credit): a choir which emphasizes vocal development and ensemble skills through study of significant works of choral and choral/orchestral music, for performance in worship services and concerts. There are also several small ensembles and chamber music groups on campus that might be of interest.

Music Lessons

Studio Instruction (1 credit): weekly private lessons are available for academic credit in voice, piano, organ, classical guitar, and most orchestral instruments.

Extracurricular Ensembles

Handbell Choir Matins Choir Crusader Pep Band Gospel Choir