





The Department of Music

Hood offers a major in music with concentrations in music history and literature, music performance and piano pedagogy. Students majoring in music will be prepared for graduate study in performance or musicology and a career in music.

Our faculty are experienced scholars, concert artists, recording artists, directors and composers. Applied music offers students the chance to work individually with an instructor in order to improve their skills with their chosen instrument.

You'll have access to practice rooms with Yamaha studio upright pianos, teaching studios with grand pianos, residence halls with quality digital pianos, a large pipe organ, a practice organ, a harpsichord, a music-lab computer station and several performing venues: Brodbeck Music Hall, Hodson Auditorium and Coffman Chapel. In addition, Hood holds a collection of books, music, CDs and DVDs in the Beneficial-Hodson Library and Information Technology Center.

Majors, Minors, Concentrations and Certificates

Majors and Concentrations

- Music Major with Music History and Literature Concentration (B.A.)
- Music Major with Music Performance Concentration (B.A.)
- Music Major with Piano Pedagogy Concentration (B.A.)

Minors

- Music History and Literature Minor
- Music Performance Minor

Certificates

- Music Performance Certificate
- Piano Pedagogy Certificate



The relative smallness of the music department, the friendliness of the professors and the support of the other students makes Hood's music department really feel like family. There is never an atmosphere of cut-throat competition, only of encouragement and camaraderie.

-Music History and Literature Major '10

Beyond the Classroom

You'll be encouraged to attend performances and master classes from guest artists throughout the year as well as participate in honors recitals, performance labs and music ensembles. The tradition of performing Handel's Messiah is in its 70th year. Hood music majors have completed internships with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra and the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Downtown Frederick.

Fast Facts

Many of our graduates have gone into music careers, including:

- Professional singers in opera and musical theater
- Professional instrumentalists in orchestras, bands and as soloists
- Church organists and recitalists
- Choral conductors
- Piano accompanists
- Private teachers of voice and instruments
- Music librarians
- Managers of musical organizations
- Teachers in college and universities, public and private schools

And many of our graduates have been accepted into graduate schools, including:

- Eastern Illinois University
- North Carolina School for the Arts
- Shenandoah Conservatory
- The Catholic University of America
- University of Delaware
- University of Maryland





About Hood

Founded in 1893 in Frederick, Maryland, Hood College is a coeducational, independent, liberal arts college, which offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates. Home to approximately 1,200 undergraduate students from 25 states and 15 countries, Hood offers 32 majors, 50 minors, and pre-professional preparation in medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry and law. Hood students experience small class sizes, where they receive individual attention from supportive faculty. With its proximity to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 biotech corridor, Hood gives its students access to countless internships and research opportunities.

At Hood, we are challenging students to improve their critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills and preparing them not just for their first jobs, but for their careers. For high-achieving students, we offer a four-year honors program with a living and learning setting expanding the curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary education through discussion-based seminars, collaborative projects and experiential learning opportunities. Eighty-five percent of first-year students live on campus; more than 40 campus clubs and organizations as well as 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams and two club-level athletic teams create an active and vibrant campus environment.

Hood, in addition to its exceptional undergraduate programs, also offers 19 master's degrees, 10 certificate programs and two doctoral programs. Our graduate programs are designed to work in tandem with our bachelor's degrees so that students can take advantage of five-year, dual-degree programs. Hood is located in a fantastic college town; students are within walking distance of shops, galleries and restaurants and a vibrant downtown. A tremendous alumni network offers students and graduates mentoring, connections, guidance and advice. The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and many other publications have recognized Hood as an affordable top-tier institution.

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