

MUSICOLOGY



Master of Arts (MA)

Interested in discovering music's dynamic role in society and culture? Our MA Musicology candidates enjoy internationally renowned faculty, individual attention, innovative course offerings and expert professional development. Join our vibrant research community in the rich cultural environment of Halifax, Nova Scotia.



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Why study Musicology at Dalhousie?

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

The Fountain School of Performing Arts forms part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, fostering interdisciplinary approaches and collaboration among a diverse community of researchers.

Musicology faculty members pursue research in genres ranging from medieval chant to contemporary experimental composition, canonic orchestral repertoire, opera and diverse styles understood to be popular music. We foster a vibrant intellectual climate that encourages innovative approaches and non-traditional thinking about music as a social text. Our research is enhanced by the David Schroeder Lecture Series in Music and Culture, and our Performing Arts Research Forum.

The small size of our program guarantees specialized attention and the possibility of tailoring courses of study to suit your interests.

Our program has been marked by tremendous depth in terms of research topics. Recent theses have engaged with issues such as the musical thought of Theodor Adorno, neo-Orientalism in the operas of Tan Dun, nostalgia in recent indie rock, and studies of individual musicians such as Iancu Dumitrescu, Jack White, Joan Jett, and Dusty Springfield.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

The MA in Musicology is suitable preparation for doctoral studies in musicology and some other humanities disciplines, as well as work in the fields of journalism, music education, editing, and arts administration.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is granted to applicants with a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field, and who demonstrate an outstanding capacity for research in music. Candidates must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

MA: typical time to complete is 2 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE

If you are applying for scholarships and funding, your application fee and all supporting documents must be submitted by January 15th. Application for admission to the MA program should be received by the university no later than June 1 for a September start date.

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