Students pursuing this major select one of four concentrations:

- Choral Music Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/music-education-bme/choral-music/)
- General Music Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/music-education-bme/elementary-general-music/)
- Instrumental Music Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/music-education-bme/instrumental-music/)
- Technology Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/music-education-bme/technology/)

A minimum of 130 hours of credit is required for graduation. This curriculum prepares its graduates for teaching music in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve. For teacher education requirements applicable to all curricula, see the Council on Teacher Education (https://cote.illinois.edu/).

Students complete a concentration in instrumental (band or strings), choral, technology, or general music education.

In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates are required to maintain a UIUC cumulative grade-point average of 2.5, content area (music courses) GPA of 2.75, and professional education course GPA of 3.0 (A=4.0). Candidates should consult the music education handbook, their advisor, or the Council on Teacher Education for a listing of courses used to compute these grade-point averages.

All music education students must earn a grade of C- or better in all music and education courses required for licensure.

1. The well prepared music teacher has in-depth understanding of content area knowledge that includes central concepts, methods of inquiry, structures of the discipline, and multiple forms of music literacy.
2. The well prepared music teacher plans and designs instruction based on content area knowledge; diverse styles, genres, and repertoires; diverse student characteristics; student performance data; curriculum goals; and the community context.
3. The well prepared music teacher differentiates instruction by using a variety of strategies that support critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and continuous musical growth and learning.
4. The well prepared music teacher understands and uses appropriate formative and summative assessments for determining student needs, monitoring student progress, measuring student growth, and evaluating student outcomes.
5. The well prepared music teacher is an ethical and reflective practitioner who promotes a culture of professional inquiry.

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