

California State University, Chico

B.A. in Music - Option in Music Education

Why Music Education

If you like children/youth and you enjoy making music, then a career in music education may be for you. This program offers you the opportunity to learn skills that will allow you to improve as both a musician and an educator.

Why CSU Chico

Accredited with NASM (National Association Schools of Music) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). You can get your degree and **credential in 4 years instead of 5.**

Ensembles & Private Studio

Top ensembles are not limited to “performance” students. Music students have the equal education opportunity to participate in top ensembles on both their primary and secondary instruments. Ensemble experiences include Bands, Choirs, Orchestra, Jazz Bands, and multiple small ensembles. In addition, music education students receive private studio instruction on their primary instrument.

Instruct and Conduct Peers

Music education courses provide the opportunity to learn teaching and conducting skills through hands-on practical experiences. You will learn how to plan, organize, and implement successful school music programs. You will learn basic pedagogical techniques for teaching children in the Kodály, Orff, & Dalcroze approaches. And you will learn the skills needed to run an instrumental, choral, and/or Jazz program.



Hands-on Experience with Local Schools

We offer hands-on learning through a relationship with the public schools. This means that as future teachers you have the opportunity (BEFORE student teaching) to teach children and youth in a guided atmosphere.

National Organizations

Active student chapters of NafME (National Association for Music Educators), NBA (National Band Association), and ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) are available for membership.

Experienced Professors

Our professors have work experience in the public school systems and some still work in the field providing courses and practical guidance that helps shape our students into the professional educators they will become.

Visit the Music Department website for specific information at www.csuchico.edu/muta.

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