MISSION STATEMENT

In its teaching the Department of Music aims to:

- motivate and encourage students to utilize their full potential
- encourage students to work towards the frontiers of the subject
- ensure that able students are appropriately prepared for high level work, including postgraduate study
- nurture effective study habits
- ensure that students are able to undertake independent study
- impart to students a range of skills
- enable students to develop strengths in their particular areas of musical interest and specialization
- educate, utilize and instill in students an understanding of music’s historical, theoretical, creative, practical and wider cultural dimensions

After completing their course, Music Department students should have:

- gained an understanding of significant trends in the history of Western music and their relevance to considerations of contemporary music and music of the recent past
- gained some understanding of music, as utilized in a number of countries, cultures and societies
- the capacity to utilize historical data and analytical skills in arriving at an understanding of music’s theoretical, aesthetic and technical backgrounds
- the ability to understand and critically comment on primary source material
- the capacity to engage in critical and analytical considerations of received views and expositions in the subject together with the ability to abstract
- developed an understanding of the importance of music in relation to other areas of human endeavour
- acquired skills in the use of information technology for creative and scholarly work
- acquired oral and written communication skills that are essential to active learning and for future employment

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