



Music Department

Mission Statement

The mission of the Music Department at Southwestern Illinois College is to educate and inspire students through teaching, performing, and scholarship, and to help them gain the skills they need to continue their musical and academic success after graduation. As part of that mission, the Music Department strives to make a significant contribution to the cultural enrichment of the college, community, and region, by presenting top quality performances of both student and guest musicians.

Educational Goals

Students completing Music Appreciation, American Popular Music, or World Music (101, 102, or 110) to satisfy the Fine Arts Humanities requirements at Southwestern Illinois College will be able to:

1. Define the elements of music pertinent to the course being taught.
2. Identify the various musical styles as well as identify the great composers/performers of musical eras pertinent to the course being taught. Interpret compositions through critical listening and analysis as well as write about these musical subjects appropriately and intelligently.

In addition, students completing the AFA or AA degrees in music will be able to:

3. Apply the concepts of music theory in order to analyze, comprehend, and/or create musical compositions.
4. Demonstrate skills on the piano from the elementary to the intermediate level, using traditional technique and repertoire.
5. Perform at the appropriate level on an instrument or voice through private instruction in weekly lessons, recitals, and juries.
6. Perform as part of an ensemble through rehearsal and/or public performance with the intention that the final result shows improvement of the group as a whole.

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