

MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN  
BACHELOR OF MUSIC

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the educational and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

GOAL 1

Provide knowledge of music theory and music history.

**Expected Outcome**

Graduates of the BM program will compare favorably in their knowledge of music theory and music history with those students graduating in the field nationally.

**Assessment**

The average score of the graduates of the BM program on the Major Field Achievement Test in Music (which they will be required to take shortly before graduation) will be at or near the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile compared to national results.

GOAL 2

To develop musical skills

**Expected Outcome**

Each student will develop enough technical command of his or her instrument or voice that he or she will be able to publicly perform representative examples of three or more style periods in a musically acceptable fashion.

**Assessment**

The student will present a degree recital meeting all the requirements set by their specific performance discipline, which will receive a pre-performance evaluation or hearing. The actual performance will be graded by at least 66.6% of the faculty of the specific discipline. The recital will be rated on a scale of 1-10 (10 being superior) in the areas of musicality, technical competency, stylistic awareness, and (for singers only) diction. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.

GOAL 3

Prepare students for graduate school in a music field

**Expected Outcome**

Students completing the BM degree will be well prepared for continued studies at the graduate level.

**Assessment**

- a. 85% of graduates will respond with a 4 or 5 (5 being “very satisfied”) to the question “How satisfied are you with your readiness for graduate level (Masters or Doctorate) music study?” contained in an exit questionnaire they will complete shortly before graduation.
- b. 100% of those students who choose to apply to a Master’s Degree program of their choice will be admitted without difficulty (i.e., probationary status or excessive remedial courses)