The School of Music and Dance is nationally recognized for its dedication
to the highest levels of excellence in teaching, performance, and
research. It is the only music school in the state of Oregon authorized to
grant master’s degrees in dance and doctoral degrees in music.

The School of Music and Dance began as the Department of Music in
1886, then the School of Music in 1900. It was admitted as a charter
member of the National Association of Schools of Music in 1928. The
school was joined in 1991 by the dance faculty—which had been offering
courses at Oregon since 1911, and which established a dance major
in 1959—and was renamed the School of Music and Dance in 2005.
The UO music and dance departments are among the oldest west of the
Mississippi.

The School of Music and Dance serves more than 500 music and dance
majors, including 150 graduate students, and offers the following degrees
in a wide range of options:

- bachelor of arts (BA)
- bachelor of music (BMus)
- bachelor of music in music education (BMME)
- bachelor of science (BS)
- master of arts (MA)
- master of fine arts (MFA)
- master of music (MMus)
- master of science (MS)
- doctor of musical arts (DMA)
- doctor of philosophy (PhD)

The ratio of students to faculty members is 8.3-to-1.

More than 250 performance programs are held annually in Eugene by
UO students and faculty members, and more than 500 in the United
States and abroad.

Mission Statement
The University of Oregon School of Music and Dance has a threefold
mission:

- To prepare students to lead lives enriched by the arts of music and
dance
- To provide comprehensive programs for those pursuing professional
careers in music and dance, and a broad range of courses for those
seeking a liberal arts education
- To serve as an educational and cultural resource for the University of
Oregon, the local community, and the state of Oregon