

Special Programs and Processes

There are several programs that require separate applications and/or additional materials. Please contact the Office of Admission for more information.

Conservatory of Music

Since 1899, the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory has earned a reputation for excellence and tradition. The Conservatory has the distinction of being an outstanding music program within a liberal arts college. B-W's Conservatory is unique in that we serve undergraduate students only. This allows students to work directly with faculty in classrooms and have greater opportunity for positions in performing ensembles and productions. Teaching students is a priority for the 60+ faculty members though many are actively involved in the Cleveland area as conductors, directors, and performers.

Students in the Conservatory of Music have the opportunity to:

- Work with specialized faculty who are musicians and composers.
- Earn the highest possible degree as an undergraduate (Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Music Education).
- Complete a curriculum that is focused on music and includes such standard classes as applied study, music theory, music history and literature, piano, conducting, and ensemble participation.
- Gain entry to premier graduate school programs or direct placement to positions such as teaching, therapy, or performing.
- Be able to join student organizations with opportunities for leadership.
- Benefit from the close proximity to the Cleveland arts community by enjoying performances in the audience, performing or becoming an understudy, or by taking part in an internship.
- Learn alongside a diverse student body from all over the United States.
- Enjoy Bach Festival, the oldest collegiate festival of its kind in the nation.
- Benefit from 100% job placement for music education and music therapy.

Conservatory Audition Process

Students who wish to become a Conservatory student must first be admissible to B-W, then audition to be accepted to the Conservatory, which is selective. Most students do not learn their status at the Conservatory until March of their senior year. Some music students are given additional scholarship for their special talent. For specific questions, contact the Conservatory at 866-BW-MUSIC or thecon@bw.edu.

Conservatory of Music Degrees

Bachelor of Music

Performance

Music Therapy

Musical Theatre

Music Theory

Music History & Literature

Bachelor of Arts

Music Major

Arts Management Major

Music Minor

Bachelor of Music Education

Composition

Instrumental/Vocal integration

Transfer Students

Transfer students complete the Transfer Student Application (available in hard copy or online) and need to submit transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. For more information, please contact the Office of Admission to put you in touch with one of our transfer admission counselors.

SPROUT (Single Parents Reaching Out for Unassisted Tomorrow)

Founded in 1990 at B-W, the SPROUT program is a comprehensive residential program for single parents, primarily women ages 18 to 23, and their children. The SPROUT program assists these students in facing the competing demands of raising their children and completing full-time college course work. Participants receive year-round housing, daycare, and academic and personal support.

To be considered for SPROUT, students must first be admitted to the College. Then students will receive a SPROUT application and complete the process with the SPROUT Program Director.

International Students

International students are encouraged to apply to Baldwin-Wallace. While admission is selective, each completed application is reviewed independently on its own merits. For more information about, please call or email the admission office and we will put you in contact with the counselor who specializes in International Recruitment.

PSEO (Post Secondary Enrollment Option)

Baldwin-Wallace offers a wonderful PSEO program for qualified juniors and seniors in high school. The PSEO program allows students accepted to the program to take courses at B-W for both high school and college credit. The application for this program is available in Admission. Please contact us for more information and we will put you in touch with the staff member in charge of this program.