

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
from Western Michigan University

Following an extensive university-wide review, Western Michigan University recently announced the deletion of several graduate degrees and programs. We want to set the record straight:

Rumor: WMU has eliminated graduate degrees in music education.

FACT: As part of a campus-wide review of graduate programs, some degrees are slated for deletion. The Master of Arts (MA) in the Teaching of Music, a program that the School of Music had already deleted, appears on those lists. This program had no current enrollment, since our graduate students overwhelmingly chose to pursue the Master of Music (MM) in Music Education. The elimination of the MA does no damage, and the outstanding MM in Music Education (which includes our four-summer MM offerings) continues to be a healthy, vibrant program – one of the mainstays in the School of Music.

Information on the graduate review program is available at this Web site —

http://www.wmich.edu/provost/AcademicProgramReviews/graduate_index

Rumor: WMU has eliminated undergraduate degrees in Music Education.

FACT: While admission to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Elementary Education/Music (EEM) was suspended in 2004, when the State of Michigan eliminated the K-8 music specialist endorsement, the vast majority of music education students have always opted for the Bachelor of Music (BM) in Music Education degree, with its K-12 certification. Approximately one-half of our undergraduate music major population is pursuing this BM option. It remains a rigorous course of study that results in an almost 100% placement rate for its graduates

The School of Music remains a cornerstone in the College of Fine Arts and Western Michigan University. We continue to be a competitive, selective institution, thanks to our world-class faculty and programs. Please feel free to direct your questions or comments to any School of Music faculty or staff member. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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See a complete list of School of Music undergraduate and graduate degrees at this Web site —

http://www.wmich.edu/music/som_degrees.html