One College Stands Out: Coe College

Liberal Arts Breadth

Coe College subscribes to the fine American liberal arts tradition, offering the Bachelor of Arts in Music, a degree with approximately one third of the total coursework in music. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Music are required to sample a broad spectrum of courses in many different academic disciplines.

Large Enough

The Department of Music at Coe College is large enough to offer numerous curricular instrumental ensemble experiences, including Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Jazz Lab, Orchestra, Musical Theater, and Chamber Music. In addition, student-directed instrumental ensembles include Pep Band and Drumline. Artist teachers provide individualized instruction on all band and orchestral instruments.

Big City Sophistication

Cedar Rapids offers a fine symphony orchestra, opera company, theater companies, chamber music series, traveling concerts, art museum, and many other cultural opportunities.

There’s No Place Like Home

Coe students feel like Coe is home, and the faculty, staff, and students are family. Many of the connections formed at Coe last a lifetime. You’ll learn about the “Coe Bubble” that some students never choose to leave!

Conservatory Depth

Coe College offers pre-professional Bachelor of Music degrees, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. These degrees, with specializations in Performance, Education, or Composition, require approximately two thirds of the coursework in music, with one third in liberal arts.

Small Enough

While Coe’s student/faculty ratio is an impressive 13:1, the Department of Music often has even smaller classes, especially at the upper levels. You can count on individual attention. Undergraduates at Coe College study with the primary teachers in lessons and classes, since Coe does not have graduate students. Coe music majors get significant performance opportunities that, at larger universities, would be reserved for graduate students.

Midwestern Hospitality

Coe and Cedar Rapids are friendly places, where you will experience good old-fashioned Midwestern hospitality. Faculty, staff, and students, are welcoming, warm, and helpful.

See the World

Coe encourages students to participate in off-campus experiences: New York Term, national and international tours for the band, orchestra, and choir, and study opportunities in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Central and South America.

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