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# Department of Music — Major Field Assessment BME Degree

## Institutional Purpose:

### *Mission Statement:*

The role of Southeastern Louisiana University is to instruct undergraduate and graduate students in the liberal arts, sciences, and selected professional fields.



### *Goal Statements:*

Within its Mission, Role, and Scope, the **working goals** of SLU are to develop and maintain:

1. Quality educational programs.
2. A positive environment for student's overall development.
3. Appropriate standards for the assurance of graduate's competencies in . . . major fields of study.

## Departmental Objectives:

1. Students completing the BME program will have developed sufficient teaching techniques and skills that they will be well prepared for their first teaching position.
2. 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.
3. Graduates of the BME program will compare favorably in their knowledge of music theory and music history with those students graduating in the field nationally.

## Assessment Criteria and Procedure:

- a. 85% of graduates will respond "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement "I believe my undergraduate training at SLU has prepared me well for my first teaching position" contained in an exit questionnaire they will fill out shortly before graduation.
- b. 85% of those taking the Professional Education and Music Specialty Area portions of the NTE exam will pass both portions.
- c. Employers of our BME graduates will indicate on a survey forwarded to them one year after the student's hiring an average rating of 7.5 or higher (on a scale of 1-10, 10 being "superior") in response to the question "How well was your employee prepared for his position by SLU?".
- a. A tape recording of the student's Recital Hour performances of the previous three years will be sent for evaluation to a performance committee from a regional state university similar in size to SLU's Music Department. The tape will be rated on a scale of 1-10 (10 being "superior") in the areas of musicality, technical competence, stylistic awareness, and (for singers) diction. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.
- a. The average score of the graduates of the BME 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 50th percentile compared to national results.

