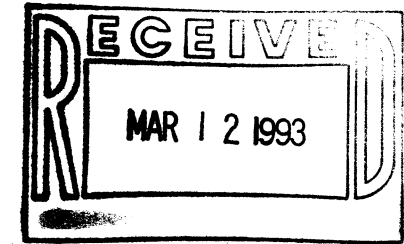


Department of Music — Major Field Assessment BM Degree



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. Graduates of the BM program will compare favorably in their knowledge of music theory and music history with those students graduating in the field nationally.
2. Each student will develop enough technicals 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. Students completing the BM degree will be well prepared for continued studies at the graduate level.

Assessment Criteria and Procedure:

- a. The average score of the graduates of the BM 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.
- 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. 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 possible continued study at the graduate level" contained in an exit questionnaire they will fill out shortly before graduation.
- b. 100% of those students who choose to apply to a Master's degree program of their choice will be admitted without difficulty (i.e., probational status or excessive remedial courses).