

Why Music?

The Department of Music is part of the School of the Arts and is located at the Hecht Arts Center – a modern and inspiring building situated on top of the Carmel, viewing the Mediterranean both to the north and to the west. The unique program of study has at its heart learning, research, and creative work designed to meet the challenges of the 21st century for musicians and musicologists.

The program of study boasts a broad and diverse field of knowledge including the following subject areas: western, Mediterranean, popular and jazz music; music and computer technologies; music composition and theory; music production; multimedia works and performance. It is designed for those who wish to gain musical knowledge, seek an opportunity to challenge themselves, become acquainted with various types of music and get excited by them. Students in the Department of Music are given personal instruction and guidance, aimed at ensuring responsible and up-to-date creation and research, conducted within an environment both multicultural and interdisciplinary. The Department of Music equips its students with the skills essential for musicians, musicologists, music educators and agents of musical culture in the 21st century. The staff of the Department consists of the best composers and researchers. Moreover, numerous modern means are at the disposal of the students to promote and support their professional aspirations.

Musical life at the Hecht Arts Center and in the University in general is especially rich. During the academic year a number of concert series are held, as well as special concerts and performances, workshops, master classes, special lectures, composition competitions, symposia and conferences, and special projects in cooperation with the other departments operating at the Dr. Hecht Arts Center. Students – individually and as part of diverse musical ensembles – take part in all these. The Department of Music produces CD albums and publishes various publications. Thus, many channels of creating and making music are open to the students.

Graduates of the Department of Music have gone on to further their studies in Israel and abroad, to pursue their personal careers as composers and researchers, being hired by different educational institutions, and find their place in activities of musical production, and have become “music agents” in cultural institutes and organizations. Among the alumni of the Department there are musicians and composers who gained reputation in Israel and abroad, and received honorable awards and prizes.

At the Dr. Hecht Arts Center there prevails a very special atmosphere, characterized by openness and friendship and imbued by the spirit of creativity and a shared love for the arts.