



Department of Music

Dear Peter,

Congratulations on your recent acceptance to Grove City College! I know how hard you have worked to get to this point and I also know you have a lot of decisions to make about your future. As the Chair of the Department of Music, I have been told that you have a music background. I want to share briefly with you some options for music participation on campus. Whether you are a music major, music minor, double major in music or majoring in an unrelated field but love music, there is a place for you at GCC.

I would encourage you to check out our website, www.gcc.edu/music, to get a sense of our ensembles and faculty. You can also click on “livestream music performances” to see upcoming or archived concerts. Please check out our albums on Spotify and/or Apple Music of the GCC Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, or Touring Choir and our social media accounts to see the daily life of the Music Department. While there is a lot of information on these pages, it does not cover every aspect of music at GCC. In addition to our large and medium-sized ensembles, we also have numerous small groups that perform on and off campus (string quartets, brass quintets, vocal ensembles, etc.) The college also has active worship teams which are comprised of students from across the campus.

One of my goals as Department Chair is to seek excellence in all we do. This includes the classroom, rehearsal hall, the stage, and in our individual practice. It also includes our relationships with each other and with God. As musicians who profess faith in Christ, it is important that we seek excellence in the gifts that He has given us. While we continually seek excellence, we also try to find a healthy work-life balance. Most ensembles rehearse 2-3 times per week so there is time to balance your academics, social life, and music participation.

If you are considering involvement in the music department, I would encourage you to reach out to the private lesson teacher or ensemble director in your area of interest. You are also always welcome to contact me with any questions. You have invested a great deal of time, energy, and money into your musical growth. I hope you will continue using those gifts at GCC. Whether that is singing in a choir, playing in a band or orchestra, or singing and playing guitar with friends, we would love to have you be a part of our music family.

I wish you the very best as you evaluate your options for higher education and look forward making music with you on campus next fall.

Sincerely,

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