Organ Studies

Degrees offered:
• Bachelor of Music
• Master of Music
• Artist Diploma
  Master of Music in Church Music

Regular access to instruments by
Fisk, Gonzalez, Holtkamp, Noack, Casavant, Richards,
Fowkes & Co. and Skinner

• Generous Scholarships
• Perform with the acclaimed Mercer Singers
• Collaborate with students in the renowned
  McDuffie Center for Strings

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One of the fastest-growing organ departments in the country
Since Jack Mitchener’s arrival at Mercer in 2012, the number of organ majors has grown from 2 to 16! This is an exciting time for both undergraduate and graduate organists at Mercer!

A Master Teacher
Dr. Jack Mitchener, Professor of Organ, University Organist and Director of the Townsend-McAfee Institute of Church Music is a national leader in the organ field. He is an award-winning teacher and performer who is wholeheartedly committed to his students. Many of his former students have won prestigious competitions and are now full-time professors, church musicians, and performers throughout the world. He is a positive and encouraging teacher, but also has high standards for performance and academics. He fosters a nurturing environment in which students feel a strong sense of community. He promotes a rigorous course of study, yet strives to help students grow and develop.

A conservatory atmosphere within a university
The Townsend School of Music offers our students a high-level conservatory experience including a vast array of courses in music history, theory, organ history and literature, service playing, improvisation, secondary instruction in voice, piano, harpsichord, choral conducting, etc. Organ majors have the opportunity to collaborate with the outstanding students in the McDuffie Center for Strings and to sing in the acclaimed Mercer Singers, the top choral ensemble on campus.

Liberal arts
Our students may choose from a vast array of excellent academic courses in the College of Liberal Arts. Plus we offer the enjoyment of many extra-curricular activities that one expects from a comprehensive university.

Degrees (double majors and double degree programs are possible)
Bachelor of Music in Performance  Master of Music in Performance
Bachelor of Music Education  Master of Music in Church Music
Bachelor of Arts in Music  Artist Diploma

Instruments
Organs on campus include Holtkamp, Noack, Richards & Fowkes, and a recent acquisition: a Gonzalez built in Paris (donated to Mercer by the estate of Jacqueline and Giuseppe Englert, the daughter and son-in-law of celebrated French organist André Marchal). Other local instruments by Casavant, Fisk, Schlicker, and Skinner are used regularly for lessons and performances.

Financial Aid
Mercer is extremely generous in awarding substantial scholarships to all qualified students. Undergraduates are eligible for significant academic and music awards. All graduate students receive assistantships that usually cover a large part of tuition.