



WHAT TO DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

MUSIC

Description of Major

The Department of Music Education offers a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree in a liberal arts tradition of music study. This degree is designed to provide foundation coursework to apply to a variety of interdisciplinary careers including music, in preparation for graduate study or for self-improvement. A Bachelor of Music Education is also offered through the College of Education for those interested in teaching.

Possible Job Titles

Note: This list is not comprehensive, and some positions may require further education or training.

Advertising Specialist
Artist and Repertoire Person
Assistant Professor
Background Music Designer
Band Director
Church Choir Director
Composer/Arranger
Copy Writer
Copyright Specialist
Critic
Director
Disc Jockey
Engineer/Mixer
Film Music Director/Editor
Instrument Manufacturer
Instrument Technician
Marketing Assistant

Music Attorney
Music Publicist
Music Store Manager
Music Therapist
Musician
Orchestra Manager
Programmer
Project Coordinator
Public Relations Specialist
Recording Technician
Singer/Performer
Special Events Coordinator
Studio Musician
Talent Agent
Technical Writer
Tour Manager
Writer/Editor

The following links are excellent resources on specific careers such as those listed above:

- **O-net:** <http://online.onetcenter.org/>
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook:** <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- **Job Search Site.com:** <http://www.music.jobs.jobsearchsite.com/>
- **Music Jobs:** <http://us.music-jobs.com/>
- **My Music Job.com:** <http://www.mymusicjob.com/>
- **Musicians Way:** <http://www.musiciansway.com/musiccareers.shtml>
- **Federal Occupations by College Major:** <https://tinyurl.com/y9sx5fr3>

The following links are excellent resources on professional organizations in Music:

- **National Association for Music Education:** <http://www.nafme.org/>
- **National Association of Record Industry Professionals:** <http://www.narip.com/>

Possible Employment Settings/Fields

Colleges and Universities
Entertainment Companies

Festival Organizations
Florists

Food Technology
Health Department
Magazines
Media Firms
Music and Film Studios
Music Companies
Music Industry Associations
Music Therapy Centers
Non-profit Organizations

Operas
Orchestras and Bands
Performing Arts Centers
Piano Tuning Companies
Production Companies
Public Relations
Publishing Firms
Restaurant Franchises
Sales/Marketing

Strategies for Success

- Prepare for graduate school if a pre-professional or advanced position is desired.
- Consider a part-time job in a restaurant, media firm, elementary school, etc.
- Develop leadership skills by joining community or campus organizations.
- Volunteer to gain relevant experience.
- Ask to job shadow or interview professionals.
- Talk to faculty, recent graduates, and current students in the field.
- Consider involvement in a relevant organization, such as American Choral Directors Association or Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

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