

What can I do with a major in Music?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Music

Music majors may focus on a number of distinct areas of specialization: Performance, music theory, voice and teaching. Performance students may specialize in developing skill with one musical instrument, while others may often specialize in a number of areas. Some students pursue careers closely related to music, such as performers, educators, songwriters, conductors, arrangers, composers and actors. Others choose careers behind the scenes, or in the business area of music in careers such as producers, engineers, managers, agents, and in publishing and sales. Many careers do not require a specific major but rather a wide range of demonstrated skills and accomplishments. Thus, some graduates pursue careers in fields quite unrelated to music. A bachelor's degree is sufficient for many entry-level positions, but for advancement in an area of specialization, an advanced degree may be required.

Research Careers

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on "Find Occupations")

Occupational Outlook Handbook, www.bls.gov/oco (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles, www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp (click on "Occupational Title Search")

Georgia Career Information Center, www.gcc.peachnet.edu (call the Career Center front desk at 706.542.3375 for the username and password)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Possible Job Titles of Music Graduates

(*As reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Asst. Band Director*	Manager Trainee*	Project Coordinator
Background music designer	Marketing Assistant*	Public Relations Specialist
Composer/Arranger	Attorney	Recording Technician
Copyright Specialist	Critic	Sales/Marketing
Critic	Music Equipment Sales Rep.	School Band Director*
Educational Program Specialist*	Music Publicist	Special Events Coordinator
Engineer/Mixer	Music Software	Studio Musician
Film Music Director/Editor	Music Therapist	Talent Agent
Instrument manufacturer	Orchestra Librarian	Technical Writer
Instrument technician	Orchestra Manager	Writer/ Editor

Possible Employers of Music Graduates

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Athens Christian School*	Entertainment Companies	Fulton County Schools*
Bibb County Schools*	Festival Organizations	Gwinnett County Schools*
Calquitt County Schools*	Forsyth County Schools*	Jones County Broad of Education*
Madison County Schools*	Orchestras and Bands	Rental Property Sites
Media Firms	Osborne Middle School*	Rock & Roll Industry
Music and Film Studios	Performing Arts Centers	The Atlanta Opera*
Music and Video Stores	Piano Tuning Companies	The University of Georgia*
Music Industry Associations	Production Companies	University of South Dakota*
Music Therapy Centers	Public Relations	Washington County Schools*
Newton County School System*	Publishing Firms	Young Life Organization*

Career Center Library Resources

Careers for Culture Lovers and other Artsy Types, by Eberts, Marjorie
Careers in Focus: Performing Arts, by Ferguson
Networking for Everyone, by Tullier, L. Michell
Career Opportunities in Theater and the Performing Art, by Field, Shelly
100 Best Careers for Writers and Artists, by Field, Shelly
Portfolio Power, by Kimeldorf, Martin
Careers for Music Lovers and Other Tuneful Types, by Johnson, Jeff
100 Careers in the Music Business, by Crouch, Tanja C.
Creative Careers in Music, by des Pres, Josquin & Landsman, Mark

Campus Resources

Hodgson School of Music, <http://music.uga.edu/>
Collegium Musicum
Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chapter: T.O.N.I.C., www.tonic.uga.edu
Musicology Ethnomusicology Student Association, www.mesa.uga.edu/
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Professional Music Fraternity), www.uga.edu/~sinfonia/
Sigma Alpha Iota (Professional Music Sorority), www.uga.edu/sai

Employment Websites

UGA DAWGlink (career.uga.edu)- <https://uga-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php>
Music Jobs - <http://us.music-jobs.com/>
Arts Opportunities - www.artsopportunities.org/
Production Hub - www.entertainmentcareers.net
ShowBizJobs (mostly LA & NY) - www.showbizjobs.com/
ShowBizCrew (mostly LA & NY) - www.showbizcrew.com/
FilmBiz Jobs - <http://jobs.filmbiz.com/>
Entertainment Careers - www.entertainmentcareers.net/
My Music Job - www.mymusicjob.com/
Musicians Contact - <http://musicianscontact.com/>

Additional Resources/Contacts

Acoustical Society of America - <http://acousticalsociety.org/>
Careers in Music - www.berklee.edu/careers/default.html
American Music Therapy Association, Careers - <http://www.musictherapy.org/>
Women in Music - www.womeninmusic.com/careers.htm
Careers in Music—Artists House Music - www.artistshousemusic.org/Careers+in+Music
Music Online: Orchestras in the U.S. - www.musicalonline.com/orchestra/orchestra.htm