

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 that 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.

Researching Job Titles and Careers

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

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

Possible Job Titles

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

Possible Employers

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

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

Hodgson School of Music <http://music.uga.edu/>

Collegium Musicum

Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chapter: T.O.N.I.C. Email: bsturk@uga.edu

Musicology Ethnomusicology Student Association <http://www.mesa.uga.edu/>

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Professional Music Fraternity) <http://sinfonia.uga.edu/>

Sigma Alpha Iota (Professional Music Sorority) <http://sai.uga.edu/>

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

Idealist www.idealists.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

Music Jobs <http://us.music-jobs.com/>

Production Hub <http://www.entertainmentcareers.net/>

ShowBizJobs (mostly LA & NY) <http://www.showbizjobs.com/>

FilmBiz Jobs <http://jobs.filmbiz.com/>

Entertainment Careers <http://www.entertainmentcareers.net/>

My Music Job <http://www.mymusicjob.com/>

Musicians Contact <http://musicianscontact.com/>

Professional Information Resources

Acoustical Society of America <http://acousticalsociety.org/>

Careers in Music <http://www.berklee.edu/careers-music>

American Music Therapy Association Careers <http://www.musictherapy.org/>

Women in Music <http://ww2.womeninmusic.com/?folio=9PO44KI4R>

Careers in Music Artists House Music <http://www.artistshousemusic.org/Careers+in+Music>

Music Online: Orchestras in the U.S. <http://www.musicalonline.com/orchestra/orchestra.htm>

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. To search, select “groups” under the “interests” tab. Also, review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Get involved and build your resume early. Consider internships and volunteer opportunities to demonstrate work ethic and experience through-out your resume. Join student organizations that fit your interests and career goals. Also, consider informational interviews of professionals within your field. Visit the career center website or career guide for more information about informational interviewing including questions to ask and a cold calling script.