

*What can I do with a major in...*

# Music

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Within the human community, the arts and humanities disciplines have traditionally exerted a major influence upon the general cultural and intellectual life. Participation in the arts and humanities is a significant factor in broadening a person's vision and human awareness. Consequently, musical activities have achieved prominence in the increased leisure time of Americans.

The music major develops a thorough, working knowledge of the field through courses in history and literature, theory, and applied music. Music graduates use this knowledge in such diverse areas as composition, performance, teaching, research, arts management, publishing, consulting, and technology.

A bachelor's degree in music affords graduates many opportunities in fields related to music -- as a composer, performer or teacher -- as well as indirectly related career options in a range of commercial and civic settings. Those who wish to conduct research projects or enter college teaching must obtain graduate degrees.

The job titles that follow will give you an idea of some of the opportunities available to music majors. Plan to explore all career paths that interest you.

## POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

Audio engineer/tech.	Musician, instrumental
Arranger	Occupational therapist
Artist & repertoire	Orchestra conductor
Arts administrator	Piano technician
Audiologist	Performer
Cantor	Program director
Choral director	Recreation director
Composer	Recording technician/assistant
Community development specialist	Royalties broadcast monitor
Conductor	Session leader/musician
Copyright specialist	Singer
Critic	Sound production/mixer
Disc jockey	Speech pathologist
Editor	Studio musician
Engineer/mixer	Synthesizer specialist
Journalist	Talent agent
Lyricist	Technical writer
Music: attorney, copyist, critic, librarian, reporter, software specialist, supervisor, teacher, therapist	Tour manager
	Transcriber
	Voice teacher

## REPRESENTATIVE HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Civic groups  
Communications industry  
Government  
Museums  
Newspapers, magazines  
Orchestra-symphony, ballet, opera studio  
Popular bands

Private tutoring  
Publications  
Recording studios  
Religious groups  
Schools, colleges  
Theater orchestras

## WHERE DO UMW MUSIC MAJORS GO?

### EMPLOYERS/INTERNSHIP SITES

- Grace Center for the Arts
- Riverside Dinner Theater & Conference Facility
- The Church of the Resurrection

### GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Brown University, Master of Arts in Urban Education Policy
- Emerson College, Master of Arts in Publishing and Writing
- George Mason University, Master of Art in Arts Management
- Johns Hopkins University, Master of Music in Vocal Performance
- New York University, Master of Arts in Performing Arts Administration
- Peabody Institute (Johns Hopkins), Master of Music
- University of Arizona, Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

1. American College of Musicians: [www.pianoguild.com](http://www.pianoguild.com)
2. American Composers Alliance: [www.composers.com](http://www.composers.com)
3. American Music Conference: [www.amc-music.com](http://www.amc-music.com)
4. American Musicological Society, Inc.: [www.ams-net.org](http://www.ams-net.org)

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