INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Department of Music grants a B.A. degree in Music and also a minor in music. The department is dedicated to a holistic liberal education in the arts and humanities and thus involves students in all aspects of the study of music: theoretical and creative studies, historical and cultural studies, music and technology, and performance.

The Music major may serve as pre-professional training for the student seeking a career in music or provide a lasting source of enrichment for the student with other career goals.

“My time in the department opened my mind to completely new ways of thinking about music as an art form, from study to performance.”

– Vicky Lin, Music alumna

MUSICIANSHIP PLACEMENT EXAM

Students who plan to major in music or wish to take music major classes must complete the Musicianship Placement Exam before beginning music major classes.

Visit music.berkeley.edu/academic-programs/undergraduate-degree-program/placement-procedure for more information.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Look into complementary opportunities. There are a large number of Music double majors with fields such as Theater, Dance and Performance Studies, Molecular and Cell Biology, Rhetoric, Physics, Political Economy, English, Business Administration, and more.

- Dive into performance opportunities with the school.
## Design Your Journey

### Bachelor of Arts: Music

#### First Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Complete the **Music course requirements** to be eligible to declare the major.
  - Enroll in **performance ensemble courses**. Apply for **private lessons**, if eligible.
  - Find classes that interest you. Advisor check-in: Create a 4-year plan in CalCentral.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Join a **performance ensemble**, the Undergraduate Composers Club, or a Music Undergraduate Committee planned student event, like the Treats-at-Twelve, Open Mic Night, Student-Faculty Mixer, and Student Forums. Participate in Berkeley Connect.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Explore opportunities for extracurricular musical performance through Student Musical Activities. Learn more about the research opportunities on campus. Explore different degree options.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend or even audition for, one of the free weekly noon concerts hosted at Herz Hall. Discover and plan study abroad options. Learn about the UC Intercampus Visitor program, which allows you to take a quarter or semester at any UC campus.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Learn about careers music majors have entered at the annual Music Career Workshop. Connect your major to careers. Explore careers and graduate programs at the Career Counseling Library. Develop a plan for getting career ready.

#### Second Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Finish your **Músicianship and Harmony requirements**. Complete your Music History and Culture lower division requirements this year. (Transfers have until junior year). Consider a minor or summer minor. Advisor check-in: degree requirements.
  - Audition for **summer performance opportunities**, such as Summer Symphony and Summer Chorus. Give back to the Berkeley community. Become a peer advisor, tutor at the SLC, or lead an SLC study group. Get involved with the Public Service Center.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Serve on the Music Department Undergraduate Committee. Get leadership experience through student government and organizations or GBO. Explore student organizations at CalLink, the LEAD Center, and at the Calapalooza student activities fair.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Visit the Center for New Media and Audio Technologies (CNWAT) to learn about the intersection between music and emerging technologies. Apply for the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP). Follow a course thread of your interest.
  - Audition for the **UC Summer Symphony**, under the guidance of a music department faculty member. Carry out your own research project funded by fellowships. Take a Music DeCal course.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Study abroad as a Music major. Consider whether to take courses in music or outside the major. Check in with the UCEAP advisor to discuss a plan for studying abroad. Explore volunteer opportunities on campus. Join student government.
  - Audition for the Annual Concerto Competition to perform with the University Symphony Orchestra. Study, intern, and do research in Washington D.C. through UCDC and GBO. Consider an alternative break. Apply for local or global internships.
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  - Explore the First Destination Survey results to find out what some recent Music major graduates are doing post-graduation. Attend career and graduate school fairs to learn about post-graduation opportunities.

#### Third Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Complete the **History and Culture upper division requirements**. Enroll in additional, approved music courses to fulfill the required 24 units of upper division electives. Apply for the Music Honors Program. Complete for departmental prizes. Take upper division music electives to expand your academic horizon. Check in with an L&S advisor. Make sure you are on track to fulfill all college and campus requirements.
  - Audition for summer performance opportunities, such as Summer Symphony and Summer Chorus. Give back to the Berkeley community. Become a peer advisor, tutor at the SLC, or lead an SLC study group. Get involved with the Public Service Center.
  - Design and facilitate a Music DeCal course under faculty supervision. Pursue a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Learn to play the Carillon (the instrument housed inside UC Berkeley's famous Campanile) through a DeCal course or Beginning group lessons. Take bucket-list courses. Perform in the Graduation Concert.
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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

#### Jobs and Employers
- Consultant, SGR Consulting
- Musician
- Music Teacher, School of Audio Eng
- Program Leader, Think Together
- Software Developer, Cisco Systems
- Software Develop. Engineer, Google Software Engineer, Pensando
- Staff Writer, Longneck-Thunderfoot

#### Graduate Programs
- Foreign Languages
- Medicine
- Music Performance
- Music Theory and Composition
- Public Health

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.