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 of Industrial Societies, English, Business Administration, and more.
• Dive into performance opportunities with the school.
• Explore Berkeley Art + Design programs.
**MUSIC**

**DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY**

**Bachelor of Arts**

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.

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**FIRST YEAR**

**Explore your major**

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**SECOND YEAR**

**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 Forum.*
- Participate in Berkeley Connect.

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**Discover your passions**

- Sign-up to perform at the student-run concert series, Morrison Recitals.*
- Learn more about the research opportunities on campus.
- Explore different degree options.

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**Engage locally and globally**

- Attend, or even audition for, one of the free weekly noon concerts hosted at Hertz 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.

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**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.
- Use the Yearly Planner to plan your career goals.

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**THIRD YEAR**

**Complete the Music course requirements**

**Connect and build community**

- Complete your Music Musicianship 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.

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**SECOND YEAR**

**Discover your passions**

- Visit the Center for New Media and Audio Technologies (CNMAT) to learn about the intersection between music and emerging technologies.
- Apply for an Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP).
- Follow a Course Thread of your interest.

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**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 SAP advisor to discuss a plan for your study abroad.
- Explore volunteer opportunities on campus. Join student government.

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**Reflect and plan your future**

- Conduct Informational Interviews with people in careers and study fields that you are curious about.
- Attend a Job Search Essentials workshop to build your job or internship search skills.
- Join Handshake to find Berkeley job opportunities.

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**FOURTH YEAR**

**Complete the History and Culture upper division requirements**

- Enroll in additional, approved music courses to fulfill the required 24 units of upper division electives.

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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 Developer, Google
- Software Engineer, Pensando
- Staff Writer, Longneck-Thunderfoot
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**Graduate Programs**

- Foreign Languages
- Medicine
- Music Performance
- Music Theory and Composition
- Public Health

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**Source:** Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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