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.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend Music department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit events.berkeley.edu/index.php/calendar/sn/music for news and updates.

ADVISING

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Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
**FIRST YEAR**

- 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.

**SECOND YEAR**

- Finish your **Musicianship and Harmony requirements**.
- Complete your Music **History and Culture** lower division requirements this year.
- (Transfers have until junior year.)
- Consider a **minor** or a **summer minor**.
- Advisor check-in: degree requirements.

**THIRD 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.

**FOURTH YEAR**

- Apply for the **Music Honors Program**.
- Compete 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.

**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 Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

*Activities are open to students at any time during their Berkeley career. Students are encouraged to participate through multiple years.*

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