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.

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.

AMILIFY 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.
- Explore Berkeley Art + Design programs.

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
**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 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.
- Apply for the Music History and Culture upper division requirements.
- 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.

**FOURTH YEAR**

- 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.*
- Reach out to professors to become a class T.A.
- Become an L&S Peer Advisor.
- Apply to become a Campus Ambassador or a Golden Bear Orientation Student Leader.

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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.
- Visit the Center for New Media and Audio Technologies (CINMAT) to learn about the intersection between music and emerging technologies.
- Apply for an Undergraduate Research Apprentice 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.*
- 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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**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.
- Study abroad as a music major. Consider whether to take courses in music or outside the major.
- Check-in with the EAP advisor to discuss a plan for your study 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 CITC.
- Consider an Alternative Break.
- Apply for local or Global Internships.
- Explore postgraduate Fellowships for leadership and development.
- Explore Gap Year opportunities before embarking on your next adventure.
- Attend programs or events at Berkeley Arts + Design or Jacobs Institute for Design and Innovation.

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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.
- Conduct Informational Interviews with people in careers and study fields that you are curious about.
- Attend the Job Search Essentials workshop to build your job or internship search skills.
- Join Handshake to find Berkeley job opportunities.
- Explore the Career Destinations Survey results to find out what some recent Music major graduates are doing post-graduation.
- Attend Career Fairs and Graduate School Fairs to learn about post-graduation opportunities.
- Attend Job Search Boot Camp for Seniors and apply to jobs or graduate programs.
- Boost your networking skills and make Berkeley Career Network connections.
- Prepare questions for informational interviews.
- Pursue On-Campus Recruitment.

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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 Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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

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