INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Department of Music grants a Bachelor of Arts 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
**MUSIC Bachelor of Arts**

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**EXPLORE YOUR MAJOR**

**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.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Apply for the **Music Honors Program**.
- Compete for departmental prizes.*
- Take upper division music electives to expand your academic horizons.
- Check-in with an L&S advisor. Make sure you are on track to fulfill all college and campus requirements.

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**CONNECT AND BUILD COMMUNITY**

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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.

**SECOND YEAR**
- 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.

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**DISCOVER YOUR PASSIONS**

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

**SECOND YEAR**
- 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**

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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.

**SECOND YEAR**
- 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.

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**REFLECT AND PLAN YOUR FUTURE**

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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.

**SECOND YEAR**
- 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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**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

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**
- Foreign Languages
- Public Health
- Music Performance
- Music Theory and Composition

**EXAMPLES GATHERED FROM RECENT BERKELEY GRADUATES.**

**GAP YEAR**
- 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.

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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.

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**SECOND YEAR**
- 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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**THIRD YEAR**
- Attend a Music Career Workshop.
- 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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**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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*Activities are open to students at any time during their Berkeley career. Students are encouraged to participate through multiple years.

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