Major in Music

The Bachelor of Arts in Music is a liberal arts degree at its foundation. Our music majors' liberal arts knowledge is developed through our core curriculum which includes courses in English composition and literature; foreign languages; history, social studies, and philosophy; visual and performing arts; science and mathematics; and distinctive GC courses which emphasize critical thinking and global perspectives. Musicianship is addressed through the core music courses, which include applied study, small and large ensembles, piano classes, theory, aural skills, recital attendance, history, conducting, and a culminating senior project. The Bachelor of Arts degree features a choice of electives. One elective option is music education; prerequisites for the MAT consist of undergraduate music education courses. The BA in music is also an excellent option for students who plan to double major.

Majoring in music provides students with a sense of aesthetics and an understanding of human expression valuable to many employers. Students of music prepare for advanced study in music and acquire a strong foundation for most occupations in the wider music industry. With the expansion of the arts industry, both nationally and internationally, the employment opportunities for music graduates are wide and highly varied.

Develop Skills

social perceptiveness
active listening instructing
active learning critical thinking
service orientation
leadership decision-making
time management
coordination writing
reading comprehension
oral communication collaboration
creative thinking flexibility
dependability independence
musicanship
persuasion problem-solving
communication improvisation
flexibility monitoring accuracy
repertoire development adaptability self-promotion

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

WHAT

- Teacher
- Performer
- Conductor
- Composer
- Music Director
- Journalist
- Consultant
- Entertainment Lawyer
- Record Producer

WHERE

- Daycare Centers
- Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Private Schools
- Studios
- Record Company
- Film Studios
- Radio Station
- Ministry
- Music Retail Stores
- Private Practices
- Theaters
- Publishing Company
- TV Station
- Libraries
- Media Company

...the possibilities are endless.
Explore and Engage with Music

- Obtain formal training to acquire necessary skills
- Work or volunteer at a campus or local radio station
- Join campus bands/choruses, church choirs and other performing acts
- Seek competitions and apprenticeships to gain experience
- Connect with others in the field and build your network
- Talk to your academic advisor
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan
- Develop a variety of skills

Top employers/fields at GC for Music majors

- GC Continuing and Professional Education
- K-12 Education
- Influential Commerce
- Grimes Piano Studio
- Boys and Girls Club
- Calvary’s Early Learning Center
- Non-profit Organizations & Camps

Considering adding a Minor?
These minors can complement the Music major

- International Studies
- Women & Gender Studies
- Theatre
- Creative Music Media
- Dance
- Rhetoric
- Management
- Information Systems
- Business Administration
- Marketing
- Mass Communication
- English
- Global Health Studies

Mean Starting Salary for Music majors

$46,054*

*based on NACE First Destinations for the College Class of 2020

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