

Music

Transferable Skills

A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a major in Music are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to think abstractly and manipulate symbolic structures
- Ability to work within a formal system with rules of syntax
- Ability to practice for long periods of time
- Ability to consider meanings and implications over long time spans
- Ability to organize and memorize detailed information
- Ability to practice for long periods of time
- Ability to read music and imagine sounds from notation
- Creativity-both spontaneous as well as sustained
- Dedication and self-discipline
- Good oral/written communication skills
- Physical stamina
- Poise & stage presence

Range of Example Positions held by Music majors:

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit [O*NET On-line](#).

- Accompanist
- Actor/Actress
- Advertising professions-words and music in the commercial world
- Announcer
- Arts Management
- Audiologist
- Chamber Musician
- College Music Teacher
- Composer/Arranger
- Computer Programmer
- Conductor
- Consultant for the arts
- Counselor
- Elementary Music Teacher
- Fundraiser
- Human Resources Manager
- Information Systems Analyst
- International Banker
- Jazz/Pop Musician
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Linguist
- Music Technology and Recording Technician
- Music teacher at any level-private lessons, schools, college level
- Nonprofit organizations
- Production Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Sales Manager
- Studio Musician
- Symphonic Musician
- Technical Writer

Professional Associations

Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- [American Choral Directors Association](#)
- [American Music Therapy Association](#)
- [American Symphony Orchestra League](#)
- [Chamber Music America](#)
- [International Alliance for Women in Music](#)

- [International Society for the Performing Arts](#)
- [Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association](#)
- [National Association of Schools of Music](#)
- [National Opera Association](#)
- [Percussive Arts Society](#)
- [Songwriters Guild of America](#)