

What Can I Do with a Major in **MUSIC**?

There are far more options for what you can do with a music degree than you probably realize. Performing and teaching are the two most common careers in music, but those alone don't begin to cover what music majors can pursue once they graduate. People choose to major in music for many different reasons, but the primary motivation seems to be a passion for making music in some capacity.

Typical Coursework at ARCC for Music Majors

Music Lessons	Concert Band	Orchestra
Music Education	Jazz Band	Choir
Music History and Literature	Guitar Ensemble	Music Therapy
Music Technology	World Music	Music Business
Music Theory and Fundamentals		

Related Major Skills

Listening • Performing arts • Problem solving • Writing skills • Aesthetics • Instructional skills • Interpretative skills • Perseverance • Organizational skills • Computer skills • Artistic • Expressive • Commitment • Communication skills • Love of music!

Other Skills That You Would Acquire As a Music Major

Musicians generally need to be able to:

- Express ideas clearly when speaking or writing
- Use reasoning to discover answers to problems
- Listen to others, understand, and ask questions
- Analyze ideas and use logic to determine their strengths and weaknesses
- Judge the costs and benefits of a possible action
- Notice when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong
- Use reasoning to discover answers to problems
- Combine several pieces of information and draw conclusions
- Follow guidelines to arrange objects or actions in a certain order
- Think of new ideas or original and creative ways to solve problems
- Manage the time of self and others
- Meet deadlines

Related Occupations

Accompanist	Educator (K-12, college, religious, private)	Music Therapist
Acoustics	Electronic Production and Design	Music Web Producer
Arranger	Entrepreneur	Music Instrument Repair and Tuning
Artist Management	Event Production	Musical Theatre
Audio Production/Editing	Fundraiser/Grant Writer	Performer
Band Director (K-12, college, sports)	Instrument Builder/Designer	Pit Orchestra Musician
Choral Director	Music Store Manager/Owner	Public Relations Agent
Pianist	Lyricist	Recruiter for Talent Agencies
Composer	Media Development	Radio
Conductor	Military Bands	Songwriter
Copyright Consultant	Music Curator	Sound design
Cruise Ship Entertainer	Music Editing	Talent Management/Booking
Digital Score Recordist	Music Production	Tour Coordinator/Road Manager
		Vocal Coaching

Who Hires Musicians?

While musicians can often be self-employed, musicians might be fully employed or work in conjunction with many different types of organizations including:

Music Stores

Theatrical Organizations

Advertising Agencies

Cruise Lines

Orchestras

Recording Studios

Instrument Repair Shops

Elementary or High Schools

Colleges

Amusement/Theme Parks

Churches

Music Publishers

Artistic Management Companies

Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Hospice Facilities

Minnesota Colleges & Universities with a major in MUSIC

Many two year colleges and most four year colleges and universities have music degree programs. Anoka Ramsey has agreements with a number of colleges that allow students to transfer directly into the second two years of a music degree. Some of these colleges include:

Augsburg College

McNally Smith College of Music

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Southwest Minnesota State University

University of Northwestern, St. Paul

University of St. Thomas

University of Wisconsin, River Falls

Winona State University

St. Cloud State University

Professional Association Links

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers <http://www.ascap.com>

American Federation of Musicians Union www.afm.org or www.tcmu.org

College Music Society <http://www.music.org/>

American String Teachers Association www.astaweb.com

Minnesota Music Teachers Association www.mnmusicteachers.com

The Schubert Club www.schubert.org

Thursday Musical www.thursdaymusical.org

National Association for Music Education www.NAfME.org

Minnesota Music Educators Association www.mmea.org

American Music Therapy Association www.musictherapy.org

Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) www.bmi.com

National Association of Teachers of Singing www.nats.org

American Choral Directors Association www.acda.org

International Trumpet Guild www.trumpetguild.org

Guitar Federation of America

www.guitarfoundation.org

Music Publishers Association <http://www.mpa.org/>

For More Information

Contact ARCC Career Counseling: (763) 433-1240 (CR campus), (763) 433-1840 (Cambridge campus) or stop by the campus Information Desk

Information adapted from: Minnesota Career Information System <https://mncis.intocareers.org>, and the Career Center at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington <http://uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html>