

# What Can I Do With a Major in Music?

**Sample Occupations:** The following listings are occupations you can pursue with a Music Degree. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. There are many careers for which a Music Degree prepares you. *Also note that the occupations that require an advanced degree are also listed.* For help in identifying more information about the occupations listed below, please visit the Career Center at 259 Highsmith Union.

Announcer	Instrument Restorer	Piano Tuner
Armed Forces Band Member	Instrumentalist	Session Musician
Arranger	Music Critic	Private Music Teacher
Audio Technician	Music Executive	Singer
Booking Agent	Music Editor	Songwriter
Boom Operator	Music Librarian	Sound Engineer
Cantor	Music Publisher	Recording Mixer
Choir Director	Lyricist	Sound Technician
Classical Musician	Music Salesperson	Stage Manager
Communications Expert	Music Store Manager	Studio Teacher
Composer	Music Teacher	Synthesizer Specialist
Concert Master	Music Therapist	Talent Agent
Conductor	Music Video Producer	Technical Writer
Copywriter	Musical Performer	Theatrical Agent
Disc Jockey	Orchestra Musician	Tour Coordinator
Editor	Organist	Recording Director
Film Music Editor	Music Software Programmer	Recording Engineer
Instrument Repairperson	Jazz Musician	Transcriber

## Sample Work Settings

Advertising Agencies	Journals and Magazines	Radio Stations
Artistic Management Firms	Large Artistically-based Cities	Record Labels
Booking Agencies	Libraries	Recording Companies
Cable Systems	Marketing Firms	Recording Studios
Clubs	Music Enterprises	Religious Organizations
Concert Halls	Music Factories	Schools and Colleges
Fine arts Theaters	Music Retailers	Studios
Home Offices	Non-Profit Organizations	Television Stations
Instrument Manufacturers	Private Studios	Theater Companies
Instrument Repair Shops	Production Companies	Various Travel Locations

## Government Departments

Department of the Air Force	Department of State	US Information Agency
Department of the Army	National Endowment for the	Veterans Affairs
Department of Commerce	Humanities	Vista, Action
Department of the Navy	Peace Corps	Voice of America

## Professional Organizations

American Federation of Musicians	<a href="http://www.afm.org">http://www.afm.org</a>
American Guild of Music	<a href="http://www.americanguild.org">http://www.americanguild.org</a>
American Music Therapy Association	<a href="http://www.musictherapy.org">http://www.musictherapy.org</a>
American Musicological Society	<a href="http://www.ams-net.org/">http://www.ams-net.org/</a>
Association of Music Producers	<a href="http://www.ampnw.com/">http://www.ampnw.com/</a>
International Computer Music Association	<a href="http://www.computermusic.org/">http://www.computermusic.org/</a>
Music Library Association	<a href="http://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/">http://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/</a>
Music and Entertainment Industry Student Association	<a href="http://www.meisa.org/">http://www.meisa.org/</a>

## **Professional Organizations (continued)**

National Association of Vocalists <http://capwiz.com/yo-6/index.html>  
Society of Professional Audio Recording Studios <http://www.spars.com/public/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>  
Songwriters Guild of America <http://www.songwritersguild.com>  
The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers <http://www.ascap.com/index.html>  
Women in Music <http://www.womeninmusic.com/>

## **Internet Resources**

Applause: Careers in Music <http://www.cnvi.com/applause>  
ArtSearch (Theatre Communications Group) <http://www.tcg.org/>  
Center for Black Music Research <http://www.colum.edu/cbmr/>  
ClassicWeb Music Jobs <http://www.classicweb.com/Jobs.htm>  
Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences <http://www.cras.org>  
Entertainment Careers <http://www.entertainmentcareers.net/>  
JobWeb [www.jobweb.org](http://www.jobweb.org)  
Margaret Riley Online Career Guide [www.rileyguide.com](http://www.rileyguide.com)  
My Music Job <http://www.mymusicjob.com/search.php?search=job>  
Occupational Outlook Handbook, Musicians <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos095.htm>  
Richard Bolles: What Color is your Parachute? – Job Hunters Bible [www.jobhuntersbible.com](http://www.jobhuntersbible.com)  
Music Careers <http://www.kenfoster.com/Articles/Careers.htm>  
American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Jobline <http://www.ascap.com/jobline/index.html>  
UNCA Career Center Postings <https://unca-csm.symplicity.com/>  
UNCA Music Department <http://www.unca.edu/music>  
US Navy Music Program <http://www.navyband.navy.mil/>  
Vault Online Career Library [http://www.vault.com/cb/careerlib/careerlib\\_main.jsp?parrefer=1051](http://www.vault.com/cb/careerlib/careerlib_main.jsp?parrefer=1051)  
Websites Related to UNCA Major <http://www.unca.edu/career/majorslinks.html>

## **UNC Asheville Career Center Resources for Music Majors**

### **Career Exploration:**

100 Best Careers for the 21st Century  
100 Careers in Entertainment  
100 Careers in the Music Business  
50 Best Jobs for your Personality  
Career Opportunities in Television, Cable, Video, and  
Multimedia  
Careers for Nonconformists  
College Majors and Careers  
Great Careers for People Interested in the Performing Arts  
Great Jobs For Music Majors  
Liberal Arts Jobs  
The Career Guide for Creative and Unconventional People  
The College Career Bible  
The College Majors Handbook  
Vault Career Guides: Media and Entertainment, Journalism  
Information Media

### **Job Search Resources:**

2500 Keywords to Get You Hired  
Find a Federal Job Fast  
Finding your Perfect Work  
Job Search Handbook for People with Disabilities  
Job Searching Online For Dummies  
Professional's Job Finder  
Targeting the Job you Want  
Ten Steps to a Federal Job  
The Top 10 Fears of Job Seekers  
Vault Guides: Schmoozing and Resume, Cover  
Letters, & Interviewing, and Starting your Own  
Business  
Who's Hiring Who?

### **Internship Opportunities:**

Americas Top 100 Internships  
Directory of International Internships  
Internship Handbook  
Internship Success  
Internships with America's Top Companies  
The Best 109 Internships  
The Internship Bible  
The National Directory of Internships  
Vault Guide to Top Internships