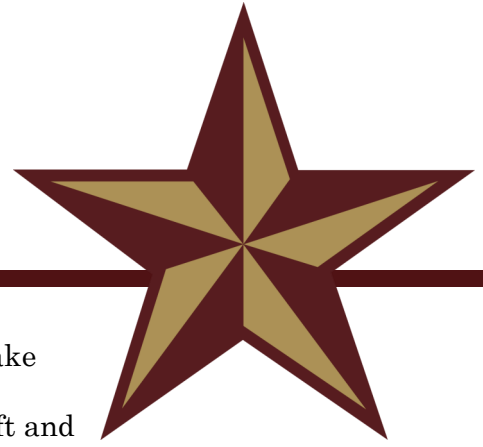


# Music Careers

## What can I do with this degree?



Music is the arrangement of tones that are composed to make certain melodies. Most musicians and composers spend an inordinate amount of time with music. Perfecting their craft and trying to reach new pinnacles is something that most musicians and composers take very seriously. The purpose of a degree in music is to perfect one's skills and

### Skills

- An understanding of music theory
- Score reading
- Basic performance skills
- Knowledge of music history
- Basic piano technique
- Conducting
- Ensembles
- Self-Discipline

### Degrees Offered at Texas State

- Bachelor of Music: Performance
- Bachelor of Science: Sound Recording Technology
- Bachelor of Arts: Major in Music
- Bachelor of Music: Music Studies
- Master of Music - Music Education
- Master of Music

### Career Paths

*(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)*

### Careers in Education

#### Sample Job Titles

- Public School Teacher
- Private School Teacher
- Private Instrument Teacher
- Musicologist
- Voice Teacher
- Music Librarian
- Music Therapist

### Possible Work Settings

- Public Schools
- Private Schools
- Community Centers
- Musical Theaters
- Daycare Centers
- Conservatories
- Private Homes
- College and Universities

### Careers in Performance

#### Sample Job Titles

- Professional Musician
- Church Musician
- Cantor/Soloist/Choir Member
- Organist
- Armed Forces band and orchestras
- Symphony Orchestras
- Rock or Jazz Groups
- Instrument Builder/Designer
- Instrument Repair Specialist
- Piano Tuner-Technician

### Possible Work Settings

- Concert Halls & Symphonies
- Places of Worship
- Clubs
- Restaurants

## Career Path 3

### Careers in Recording & Record Business

#### Areas of Interest

- Music Publishing
- Record Company
- Record Distribution Groups & Retail
- Recording Management
- Marketing & Publicity

#### Sample Job Titles

- Sound Recording Technician
- Artist & Repertoire (A&R)
- Engineer/Mixer
- Film Music Editor
- Studio Musician
- Record Producer
- Promotions
- Publicist
- Marketing Representative
- Advertising Executive
- Copyist
- Booking Agent
- Personal Manager
- Artist Manager
- Concert Promoter

### Resources

#### Student Organizations

- College Music Society Student Chapter of Texas State
- Gospel Expressions Association
- Grammy U
- Kappa Kappa Psi (Band)
- Hip Hop Congress
- Tau Beta Sigma (Band)
- Mu Phi Epsilon
- Sigma Alpha Iota
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

#### State Organizations

- Alamo City Community Marching Band (San Antonio)
- Association of Texas Small School Bands
- Central Texas Orff
- The Gulf Coast Orff-Schulwerk Association (Houston area)

- Texas Bandmasters Association
- Texas Choral Directors Association
- Texas Fine Arts Association
- Texas Music Educators Association
- Texas Music Office
- Texas Music Teachers Association
- Texas Orchestra Directors Association
- Texas Private School Music Educators Association
- UIL—University Interscholastic League

#### National Organizations

- The American Bandmaster Association
- The American Choral Directors Association
- American Federation of Musicians
- American Guild of English Handbell Ringers
- American Guild of Music
- American Guild of Organists
- American Musicology Society
- American Music Therapy Association
- American Orff-Schulwerk Association
- American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers
- Association of Music Producers
- BMI
- Chorus America
- Global Alliance of Performers
- Music Library Association
- Music Publishers' Association
- Music Teachers National Association
- National Association of Musical Education
- National Association of Teachers of Singing
- National Federation of Music Clubs
- The Percussive Arts Society
- The Society of Professional Audio Recording Services



## Job Search Sites

Music Internships

<http://www.creativejobscentral.com/music-internships/>

My Music Job <http://www.mymusicjob.com/>

Music Business Page <http://musicbusinesspage.com/>

US Music-Jobs <http://www.us.music-jobs.com>

4 Entertainment Jobs

<http://www.4entertainmentjobs.com>

Music-Careers <http://music-careers.com/>

Your Music Career <http://www.yourmusiccareer.com/>

Music Careers.net <http://musiccareers.net/>

## Additional Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook,

<http://www.bls.gov/OCO>

Network of Music Career Development Officers,

<http://www.musiccareernetwork.org/>

## Career Library Resources

Creative Careers in Music by J. des Pres & M. Landsman, 2000

Great Jobs for Music Majors by Jan Goldberg, 1998

Working in the Music Industry by Anna Written, 2004

100 Careers in the Music Business by Tanja L. Crouch, 2008

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