

What can I do with a major in **MUSIC** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

Music is customarily regarded as an art, but as a university subject it has its own scientific language, logic, and grammar, in the understanding of which the mind is stretched and tested. Almost every student has some personal involvement with music and the courses aim to further that involvement, whether passive or active, a simple hobby or a compelling force. The Department of Music offers a traditional liberal arts music major (with concentrations in performance, business, church music or music business) and professional majors in music education, performance, composition, and church music.

Relevant skills for a MUSIC major:

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| ◆ Accurately reproduce sounds | ◆ Directing/Assessing | ◆ Read musical notation |
| ◆ Composing/Arranging music | ◆ Entertaining | ◆ Rehearsing |
| ◆ Conducting | ◆ Facial expressions | ◆ Sense of rhythm |
| ◆ Coordinating with others | ◆ Following written and oral instruction | ◆ Teaching singing/music |
| ◆ Creating/Performing art | ◆ Improvising | ◆ Tonal memory |
| ◆ Creative imagination | ◆ Memorizing | ◆ Using electronic technology |
| ◆ Critical thinking skills | ◆ Musical knowledge | ◆ Verbal communication |
| ◆ Deft in use of symbolism | ◆ Networking & self-promotion | ◆ Visualizing concepts |
| ◆ Developing ideas | ◆ Keyboard skills | ◆ Working independently and with others |
| | | ◆ and others! |

Sample work activities for Graduates in MUSIC (some may require an advanced degree)

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| • Arranger/Orchestrator | • Music Group Road Manager | • Musical Instrument Builder |
| • Booking Agent | • Music Historian | • Musical Instrument Salesperson |
| • Clinician | • Music Librarian | • Musical Theater |
| • Composer | • Music License Administrator | • Orchestra |
| • Concert Soloist | • Music Manager | • Performer/Entertainer |
| • Conductor/Director | • Music Recording Engineer | • Program Director, Radio |
| • Copyright Clearance Administrator | • Music Reporter/Critic | • Piano Technician |
| • Copyright Lawyer | • Music Researcher | • Radio Sales |
| • Disc Jockey | • Music Software Programmer | • Recording Artist |
| • Jingle Writer, Advertising | • Music Teacher | • Songwriter |
| • Lyricist | • Music Technician | • Sound Mixer |
| • Music Advisor | • Music Therapist | • Studio Arranger |
| • Music Arranger-Manager | • Music Video Producer | • Tuner/Technician/ Instrument Repair |
| • Music Copyist | • Music/Dance Teacher | • and others! |
| • Music Critic | | |
| • Music Editor/Producer | | |

Potential hiring institutions for MUSIC majors:

- ◆ Advertising
- ◆ Armed forces: bands, orchestras
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Colleges/universities
- ◆ Community groups
- ◆ Film companies
- ◆ Government agencies
- ◆ Historical societies
- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Magazines
- ◆ Motion picture companies
- ◆ Music publishers
- ◆ Musical instrument manufacturers
- ◆ Musical theaters
- ◆ Nightclubs
- ◆ Non-profit organizations
- ◆ Parochial schools
- ◆ Private schools
- ◆ Public schools
- ◆ Public service organizations
- ◆ Radio stations
- ◆ Record companies
- ◆ Retail (music-related business)
- ◆ Rock or jazz groups
- ◆ Studios
- ◆ Symphony orchestra
- ◆ Television/radio and others!

Area of further education for MUSIC majors:

- Acting/Drama
- Business Administration
- Church Music
- Copyright Law
- Fine Arts
- Instrument Repair
- Music
- Music Composition
- Music Education
- Music Therapy
- Vocal Performance
- and others!

Sources of additional information for MUSIC majors:

- VU Department of Music: <http://www.valpo.edu/music/>
- VU Majors & Areas of Study: <http://www.valpo.edu/cas/departments/music.html>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: the US Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles information about various occupations, including the nature of the work, the job outlook, the earnings, and other relevant information. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco1002.htm>
- American Music Conference: Promotes the benefits of music, music making and music education. <http://www.amc-music.com/>
- Applause Careers in Music: Links to career information and job information on the internet. Also offer two career guides, one on Production and one on Performance. <http://linksmanager.com/applause/>
- Association of Performing Arts Presenters: Provides information and services to presenters, artist managers, and consultants. Includes a JobBank. <http://www.artspresenters.org/>
- Christian Jobs Mall: is designed for businesses, churches and ministries to post their Christian jobs. <http://www.christianet.com/christianjobs/index.htm>
- Christian Jobs Online: helps to take your quest for employment further and find a position that will enrich you spiritually as well as emotionally and mentally. <http://www.christianjobs.com/>
- ChurchStaffing.com: Church ministry positions including music, youth, and administration. <http://www.churchstaffing.com>
- Musician's Network: facilitate the relationship between musicians and people involved in the music industry, or music business. <http://www.musiciansnetwork.com/>
- National Association for Music Education: Information for educators, the press and the public that addresses every aspect of music education. <http://www.menc.org>
- National Music Publishers Association: A champion of musical copyrights. Provides musical publishing information. <http://www.nmpa.org/>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Various resources and websites devoted to arts & humanities studies. <http://vos.ucsb.edu>
- Worldwide Internet Music Resources: William and Gayle Cook Music Library, Indiana University School of Music links. http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *Career Opportunities In The Music Industry*
- *Careers For Crafty People & Other Dexterous Types*
- *Careers In Communications And Entertainment*
- *Graduate Programs In Arts And Architecture*
- *Graduate Programs In Education*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Great Jobs For Music Majors*
- *How To Be A Working Actor : The Insider's*
- *Guide To Finding Jobs In Theater, Film And Television*
- *Job Surfing : Media And Entertainment : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *National Directory Of Arts Internships*
- *Opportunities In Music Careers*
- *Opportunities In Performing Arts Careers*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *and others!*

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For more questions about your career decisions, please make an appointment with a VU Career Counselor by calling 464-5005, stopping by the Career Center in Alumni Hall or e-mailing us at Career.Center@valpo.edu
