What to do with a degree in

MUSIC

Music is an essential human experience. Unleash your creativity and explore how ideas and emotions are communicated through sound. Experience focus, discipline, collaboration and independence. Nurture your passion and share your love of music with others.

KEY SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Musical Knowledge: Experience with choral and instrumental music; read and write music; understanding of music history and theory; appreciation of aesthetics.

Technical: Operate various sound equipment and technology.

Presentation: Performance in front of diverse audiences of varied sizes, public speaking; conveying complex information; engage audience; Performance in front of diverse audiences, and varied sizes.

Organizational: Careful attention to detail; organize information and materials; self-discipline acquired through practicing.

Problem solving: Work independently and in a team, able to meet deadlines.

Research skills: Interpreting and evaluating research results.

Think creatively and critically: Creative expression and reasoning, memorization.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Accompanist  Lyricist  Sound Technician
Acoustical Consultant  Music Librarian  Sound/Recording Engineer
Artistic Director  Music Software Designer  Studio Musician
Band Leader  Music Store Manager  Synthesizer Specialist
Broadcaster  Musician  Teacher/Professor
Chamber Musician  Musicologist  Vocal Coach
Choir director  Notation Software Specialist  
Church Music Director  Orchestration/Arranger
Composer/Songwriter  Organist
Conductor  Performer
Critic  Producer
Cultural administrator  Recording Artist
Ethnomusicologist  Recording Engineer
Folk Musician  Singer
Instrument Designer/Manufacturer  Soloist

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Alberta Foundation for the Arts: [www.aftta.ab.ca](http://www.aftta.ab.ca)
- Alberta Music Industry Association: [www.albertamusic.org](http://www.albertamusic.org)
- American Federation of Musicians: [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)
- Canada Council for the Arts: [www.canadacouncil.ca](http://www.canadacouncil.ca)
- Canadian Amateur Musicians: [www.cammac.ca](http://www.cammac.ca)
- Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Science: [www.carasonline.ca/](http://www.carasonline.ca/)
- Canadian Association for Music Therapy: [www.musictherapy.ca/](http://www.musictherapy.ca/)
- Canadian Federation of Music Teachers ‘Associations: [www.cfmta.org](http://www.cfmta.org)
- Canadian Independent Music Association: [www.cimamusica](http://www.cimamusica)
- Canadian Music Centre: [www.musiccentre.ca/home.cfm](http://www.musiccentre.ca/home.cfm)
- Canadian Music Educators’ Association: [www.cmea.ca](http://www.cmea.ca)
- Canadian Recording Industry Association: [www.musiccanada.com/](http://www.musiccanada.com/)
- Canadian University Music Society: [muscan.org/index-e.php](http://muscan.org/index-e.php)
- Careers in Music: [www.berklee.edu/careers](http://www.berklee.edu/careers)
- Cultural Human Resources Council: [www.culturalhrc.ca/index-e.php](http://www.culturalhrc.ca/index-e.php)
- Music and Film in Motion: [www.cionorth.ca/en/](http://www.cionorth.ca/en/)

### Additional Resources

- 100 Careers in the Music Business (2nd ed.) by Crouch, Tanja L.
- Beyond Talent: Creating a Successful Career in Music by Myles Beeching, Angela
- Career Opportunities in the Music Industry (6th ed.) by Field, Shelly
- Great Jobs for Music Majors by Jan Goldberg

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**Career Services**

**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

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**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.ind.com/](http://ca.ind.com/)
- Alliance for Arts and Culture Jobs: [http://www.allianceforarts.com/career-opportunities](http://www.allianceforarts.com/career-opportunities)
- Music Associations in Canada: [https://cimamusica.ca](http://cimamusica.ca)
- Music-Careers: [https://www.careerinmusic.com](http://www.careerinmusic.com)
- Music My Job: [https://musicmyjob.com](http://musicmyjob.com)
- Job Bank: [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
- LinkedIn: [http://www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

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**Aligned Majors:**
Communications, Education, Visual Studies