What can I do with a Major in Music?

The Music Program at the University of Lethbridge

The Music Department provides a performance-intensive learning experience for students as a singer, instrumentalist or composer. You receive one-on-one instruction from high-calibre performing musicians, attend numerous guest master classes and have performance opportunities throughout the year. The Music program curriculum enables students to cultivate areas of music that interest them most – performance, history, theory, musicianship skills, or composition.

In the Bachelor of Music (30 music courses required), a more professional music focus degree or a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts & Science (16 music courses required), which focuses more generally on music and humanities. In Music Studio, students receive extensive musical training with personalized instruction on a chosen instrument. Musical training is reinforced by participation in performing ensembles and by completing courses in music theory, ear training, history, and literature.

Skills Developed

- Articulate
- Compiling & Selecting Information
- Directing a Performance
- Effectively Communicating
- Evaluating Information
- Leadership
- Listening Objectively
- Motivating People
- Muscular Coordination
- Music Composition
- Organizing
- Passion for Singing
- Playing an Instrument
- Problem Solving
- Self Discipline
- Self-Motivated to Practice
- Sense of Rhythm
- Skilled Breathing Technique

Work Environments

Graduates of this program work in a variety of organizations and work environments, according to training and interest. Graduates may find employment as musicians in symphony orchestras, small ensembles, rock/jazz groups, choral groups or dance bands. Graduates may also work as accompanists, concert soloists or vocalists. Career opportunities can also be found in concert halls, club/restaurants, opera companies, music theatres, ballet companies, recording companies, radio/TV/motion picture companies, record companies, publishers, elementary and high schools, colleges and universities, recreation centers, music conservatories, rehabilitation hospitals, nursing homes, music libraries and fine arts organizations.

For more information on the Music Major at the U of L: http://www.uleth.ca/finearts/music

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Email: See Contact Website
Academic Advising: http://www.uleth.ca/finearts/departments/music/student-advising
Key Areas of Specialization:
Composition, Sound Production & Engineering, Education, Music Therapy, Performance

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

• Audio Faculty (Part-Time & Adjunct)
• Fine Arts Teaching Assistant
• Instrumental Music Teacher
• Music & Video Program Assistant
• Music Intern
• Music Product Associate
• Music Sales Associate
• Music Sales Person
• Music Teacher - Private, Conservatory and Studio Lessons
• Musician
• Private Music Teacher
• Record Company Marketer
• Record Company Sales Representative
• Recording Artist

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

• Artist & Repertoire Staff
• Arts Administrator
• Canadian Forces Band Member
• Cantor
• Choir Director
• Classical Musician
• Composer
• Concert Master
• Concert Promoter
• Conductor
• Conductor
• Creative Director
• Disc Jockey
• Editor
• Film Music Editor
• Instrument Repair Person
• Instrument Restorer
• Jazz Musician
• Jingle Composer
• Lyricist
• Music Arranger
• Music Critic
• Music Executive
• Music Librarian
• Music License Administrator
• Music Program Coordinator
• Music Publisher
• Music Researcher
• Music Score Writer
• Music Studio Owner
• Music Therapist
• Music Video Production
• Musical Performer
• Musicologist
• Orchestra Musician
• Performer
• Piano Tuner
• Professor
• Publicist
• Record Producer
• Record Technician
• Session Musician
• Singer
• Song Writer
• Sound Engineer
• Stage Manager
• Talent Agent
• Transcriber
• Voice Teacher

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Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Title

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Announcer
- Audio Programmer
- Booking Agent
- Business Manager
- CD Manufacturer
- Communication Expert
- Copywriter
- Entertainment Lawyer
- Facility Director
- Information Coordinator
- Advance Interactive Audio Lab Specialist
- Marketing Representative
- Promotion Representative
- Recording Engineer
- Resident Sound Technician
- Resident Stage Manager
- Royalties Broadcast Monitor
- Talk Show Host
- Tour Coordinator

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Music and its career opportunities.

Alberta Music Industry Association
http://amia.ca/

Canadian Country Music Association
http://www.ccma.org/aboutccma/mandate.cfm

Canadian University Music Society
http://www.cums-smuc.ca/

Canadian Council for the Arts – Music
http://www.canadacouncil.ca/music/

Canadian Independent Music Association
http://www.cimamusica.ca/

Canadian Music Educators’ Association
http://cmea.ca/

Music Canada
http://www.musiccanada.com

Canadian Federation of Musicians
http://www.cmfmusicians.org/

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres
http://www.pact.ca/

Canadian Music Centre
http://www.musiccentre.ca/

Cultural Human Resources Council
http://www.culturalhrca.ca/

Canadian Music Education Alliance
http://www.cmra.ca

American Federation of Musicians
http://www.afm.org/

Canadian Coalition for Fair Digital Access
http://www.ccfda.ca/eng_whoweare.html

Cultural Human Resources Council
http://www.culturalhrca.ca/

The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada
http://www.socan.ca/

Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency Ltd.
http://www.cmrra.ca

National Youth Orchestra of Canada
http://www.nyoc.org/

Orchestras Canada
http://orchestrascanada.org/
Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)  

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  

Academic Advising  
[http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising)

Native Student Advising  

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring  

Accommodated Learning Centre  

International Centre for Students  
[http://www.uleth.ca/international/](http://www.uleth.ca/international/)

Registrar Office & Student Services  

Scholarship & Students Finance  

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs  
[http://www.ulsu.ca/](http://www.ulsu.ca/)

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board  
[CES Job board](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/)

Management Co-op Education  

Arts & Science Applied Studies  
[http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students](http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students)

Study Abroad & Exchanges  
[http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges](http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges)

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship  
[http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop](http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop)

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges  
[http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad](http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad)

Career & Employment Services (CES)  
CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.