What you can do with your MUSIC MAJOR

Music Major Skills:

Communication & Collaboration
You develop your ability to work in multiple settings, sharing decision-making and accountability. You articulate complex ideas and concepts verbally, in writing, and in teams.

Performance
You develop the time management, planning, and multitasking skills to collaborate during rehearsal and performance in order to perform in front of audiences with advanced artistic proficiency.

Creative Thinking & Expression
You think critically, innovate, and improvise. You challenge boundaries and assumptions and push the evolution of the expressive form.

Problem Solving
You analyze scores and performances to understand how they are constructed and can be improved. You respond to challenges with flexibility and shared commitment to successful outcomes.

Research
You engage in independent learning through reading, research, and exploration. You understand, apply and synthesize foundational concepts of musical theory, history and pedagogy, and integrate knowledge across multiple domains.

Discipline & Work Ethic
You show resilience and build skills over time by overcoming adversity. You are able to accept criticism constructively and take guidance to improve.

Supplement Your Skills With:

Global & Intercultural Experiences
Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion

Leadership On & Off Campus
Gain Experience through Internships & Part-Time Work

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.

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Put your Music major to **WORK**

**Sample Job Titles of Alumni:**
- Business Owner
- Music Director
- Professor
- Teacher/Instructor
- Project Manager
- Choir/Orchestra Director
- President
- Musician
- Executive Director
- Production Assistant

**Sample Employers of Alumni:**
- 22Thirty9
- 3W Media Co.
- Acting Out Chicago
- Alverno College
- American Family Insurance
- Apple
- Boston University
- Carroll University
- Edward Jones
- Epic
- Fairview Health Services
- Foley & Lardner LLP
- Full Compass Systems
- Heid Music
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Madison Symphony Orchestra
- Optum
- Overture Center for the Arts
- Self-Employed/Freelance
- University of Wisconsin

**Recent Grads’ Career Plans:**
- 62% Employment
- 38% Continuing Education or Grad School

**Industry of Employment:**
1. Education
2. Arts & Entertainment
3. Research
4. Information Technology
5. Life Sciences
6. Legal Services
7. Government
8. Healthcare

**Where Alumni Live & Work:**
- 33% Wisconsin
- 10% California
- 7% New York
- 7% Illinois
- 6% Minnesota
- 37% Other

“**At UW-Madison, I gained invaluable access to world-class artists and built meaningful connections with industry professionals. Through a diverse array of music courses, I deepened my passion and understanding of classical music—a foundation that remains indispensable in my career in artistic planning.”

**Hinano Price, 2015**
Artistic Producer, Ravinia Festival
Highland Park, Illinois

“**The most important music skill that I bring to bear in my work how to practice. I may have learned to practice on a tuba, but the idea can be generalized to practice anything and lots of the same dynamics are relevant to engineering.”

**Matt Muszynski, 2007**
Planning & Execution Systems Engineer
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Pasadena, California

**Career Communities for Music Majors**
SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Music majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

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