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Program Objectives

Excellence is the hallmark of the USM School of Music. Located near the coastal and mountain regions of Maine in the heart of Maine's population center, the School is a vibrant hub of artistic and educational activity. As the only School of Music in a public university in New England, we have linked the best aspects of a comprehensive school with a personalized and opportunity-based approach to educating 21st-century musicians. Students benefit from having the vibrant greater Portland arts scene at our doorstep.

The USM School of Music features a faculty of distinguished performers, teachers, scholars, and mentors. Offering undergraduate degrees in performance, music education, jazz studies, piano pedagogy, and music/liberal arts, the school also sponsors programs for pre-college musicians and delivers professional training at the master's level in composition, conducting, music education, jazz studies, and performance.

We are an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music, and a unit of USM's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered: Music

Minor Offered: Music

School of Music

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Web Address: usm.maine.edu/music

Blog: blogs.usm.maine.edu/music

Career Possibilities*

Art, Drama, and Music Teachers
Audio Technician
Boom Operator
Composers and Arrangers
Lyricists
Music Directors
Music Therapists
Musical Instrument Repairs and Tuners
Musicians
Producers
Promotion
Recording Engineer
Singers
Sound Engineer
Sound Technician
Sound/Production Mixer
Stage Manager

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Auditory Attention
Fluency of Ideas
Hearing Sensitivity
Memorization
Oral Comprehension
Oral Expression
Originality
Selective Attention
Speech Clarity
Speech Recognition

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Education Teaching Research Private Lessons	K-12 schools, public and private Colleges and universities Conservatories Children's music programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire teaching certificate for public school teaching. Learn about requirements by state. Earn a graduate degree to teach in higher education. Specialize in an area such as music theory, composition, music history, etc. Performance skill on one instrument or voice is required.
Performance	Orchestras Musical Theaters Recording Industry Bands or Ensembles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain formal training to acquire necessary skills, knowledge, and ability to interpret music. Join campus bands and choruses, church choirs, and other performing acts.
Composing/ Arranging	Production companies Orchestras Record companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of composition, harmony, arranging, and theory are important. Skill on one or more instruments and voice are necessary. Play an instrument in a professional arena. Become familiar with all types of music productions.
Music Therapy	Hospitals Schools Outpatient Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a master's degree in music therapy and seek certification. Volunteer in a rehabilitation setting. Develop a broad array of musical talents.

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Enrichment Opportunities

Internships

For more information contact the School of Music.
 For more information Contact Department.
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships

Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

Clubs & Organizations

Music Educator National Conference
 Student Performing Artists
 For a complete list of student organizations:
webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

USMCareerConnections:

USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

O*NET OnLine:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/ooH

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...

- [National Association for Music Education – Careers in Music](#)
- [American Federation of Musicians](#)
- [Women in Music](#)
- [American Music Therapy Association](#)
- [Music Teachers National Association](#)
- [Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association](#)

