Program Objectives

This degree program is designed for those who wish to prepare for a career in music performance and/or applied music teaching, and those who plan to do graduate work in applied music. The program aims to instill a thorough understanding of music and its relationship to contemporary society. Private lessons; solo, chamber and large ensemble performance; and the study of literature and pedagogy of the major instrument are emphasized. Basic understanding of the standards and opportunities for professional performance leads the student to realistic expectations for a career as a performer or teacher.

A major in Music Performance may or may not choose to concentrate in one of the following areas.

- Jazz Concentration: This degree concentration is designed as foundation studies for those who wish to prepare for careers in jazz.
- Piano Pedagogy Concentration: This degree concentration is for students who wish to prepare for a career in private piano teaching and those who wish to do graduate work in piano pedagogy.
- Musical Theatre Concentration

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning
Degree Offered: Bachelor of Music
Major Offered: Bachelor of Music in Performance
Concentrations Offered: Jazz Studies, Piano Pedagogy, Musical Theatre
Minor Offered: Music

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Blog: blogs.usm.maine.edu/music

Career Possibilities*

Audio Technician
Boom Operator
Composers and Arrangers
Education
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?*

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| **Performance**           | Orchestras                                     | • Obtain formal training to acquire necessary skills, knowledge, and ability to interpret music.  
                           | Musical Theaters                                 | • Join campus bands and choruses, church choirs, and other performing acts.  
                           | Recording Industry                               |                                                                                                           |
|                           | Bands or Ensembles                             |                                                                                                           |
| **Education**             | K-12 schools, public and private                | • Acquire teaching certificate for public school teaching. Learn about requirements by state.  
                           | Colleges and universities                        | • Earn a graduate degree to teach in higher education. Specialize in an area such as music theory, composition, music history, etc.  
                           | Conservatories                                   | • Performance skill on one instrument or voice is required.                                                                 |
|                           | Children’s music programs                      |                                                                                                           |
| **Composing/Arranging**   | Production companies                            | • Knowledge of composition, harmony, arranging, and theory are important.  
                           | Orchestras                                       | • Skill on one or more instruments and voice are necessary. Play an instrument in a professional arena.  
                           | Record companies                                 | • Become familiar with all types of music productions.                                                                 |
| **Behind The Scenes**     | Local and Regional Bands                        | • Gain expertise in the areas of musical and technical knowledge, sound board, and sound equipment.  
                           | Orchestras                                       | • Take courses in areas such as broadcasting, engineering, or computer science to learn technical skills.  
                           | Production Companies                             | • Complete an internship with a recording company or other relevant organization.  
                           | Radio, Television, and Motion Picture            |                                                                                                           |

*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowithismajormajor.com/major  © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major*

#### Enrichment Opportunities

**Internships**

For more information contact the School of Music.  
For more information Contact Department.  
[usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships](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](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](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](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](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](onetonline.org)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook:**

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