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
Gorham Campus, 103 Corbell Hall
(207) 780-5265
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
### Education
- **K-12 schools, public and private**
- **Colleges and universities**
- **Conservatories**
- **Children's music programs**

**Information/Strategies**
- 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**

**Information/Strategies**
- 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**

**Information/Strategies**
- 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**

**Information/Strategies**
- 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](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)

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**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