

Bachelor of Science: Music Education

Music is a phenomenon common to all societies, a richly diverse experience that is used in many ways. Music can be a form of communication, artistic expression, entertainment, therapy and worship.

As a Music Education major, you will study music from various perspectives including historical, theoretical, pedagogical and performance. You will develop listening skills, critical thinking, an awareness of aesthetic principles and contemporary technology as well as the knowledge and tools you need to be a successful music teacher. Employers recommend one or more internships to be successful and competitive when entering this field.

Career types associated with Music Education

(Is this a good fit for you? Are you a...)

- Social - "Helper"
- Artistic - "Creator"
- Enterprising - "Persuader"

Related skills, values, and qualities

- Ability to speak articulately, listen introspectively, and make keen observations
- Ability to think creatively
- Self-discipline and perseverance
- Capacity for memorization and concentration
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to teach, assess, plan and evaluate
- Desire and ability to work with children
- Ability to adjust to close public scrutiny and criticism
- High degree of commitment to field of study.

Courses Music Education majors typically enjoy

- Art
- Band, Orchestra, Choir
- Dance
- Debate
- Theater
- Public Speaking
- Interpersonal Communication
- Psychology and Sociology

Common interests of Music Education majors

- Attending plays, concerts, lectures, and movies
- Participating in theater, choir, glee club, marching band, orchestra, and/or other musical groups
- Working part-time or as a volunteer for a theatre arts or communications department, preschool or camp setting
- Serving as a tutor, peer counselor, or youth group leader
- Participating in a talent or variety show, skit or play
- Joining the student council or a debate team
- Reading publications related to the performing arts

For more information about the major

Contact the Music Department,
114 Old Main, 610-683-4550,
or visit www.kutztown.edu/MusicEducation

KU Majors related to Music Education

Music, Cinema, Television and Media Production, Computer Science, Mathematics, Elementary Education, Library Science, Secondary Education, Special Education

Artistic students may also be interested in:

Advertising*, Communication Design, English, German, International Studies*, Literature*, PA German Studies*, Philosophy, Professional Writing, Public Relations*, Spanish, Speech Communication, or Studio Art.

*minor only

FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE

DISCOVER

EXPERIENCE

IMPLEMENT

1ST YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
- Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
- Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
- Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
- Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
- Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
- Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.

2ND YEAR

- Meet with CDC career coach.
- Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and externships.
- Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
- Research careers of interest.
- Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
- Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
- Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
- Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
- Manage your online presence.

3RD YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
- Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
- Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
- Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
- Complete a mock interview.
- Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
- Participate in employer panels, site visits & networking events.
- Attend internship & job fairs.
- Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
- Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.

4TH YEAR

- Attend your senior kick-off and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Create cover letter drafts.
- Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
- Secure references for job/grad school applications.
- Create your "30 second" commercial.
- Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
- Research employers.
- Network with professionals through events and social media.
- Join a professional organization in your discipline.
- Attend the senior etiquette dinner.
- Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

Sample Career Titles

Music Education majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

- Adult Education Teacher
- Antiquarian Book Trader
- Assistant Principal
- Audio Visual Production Professional
- College Professor
- Day Care Administrator
- Educational Programmer
- Education & Training Administrator
- Education Management Specialist
- Educational Administrator
- Education Consultant
- Elementary School Teacher
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Guidance Counselor
- Music Attorney
- Music Copyist
- Music Critic
- Music Director
- Music Librarian
- Music Promoter
- Music Publishing Specialist
- Music Reporter
- Music Software Programmer
- Music Store Manager
- Music Stringer
- Music Teacher
- Music Therapist
- Musician
- Narrator
- Orchestra Librarian
- Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
- Piano Tuner
- Preschool Administrator
- Preschool Teacher
- Principal
- Professional Entertainer
- Publicist
- Recording Engineer
- Recording Technician
- Recreation Director
- Religion Music Director
- Royalties Broadcast Monitor
- Secondary School Teacher
- Singer
- Sound Technician
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Studio Musician
- Synthesizer Specialist
- Technical Writer
- Theatre Performer
- Tour Manager
- Union Contractor

To learn more about these careers, visit <http://online.onetcenter.org> or www.bls.gov/oco

Common Internship Sites and Employers

Music Education majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries.

- Public and Private Schools
- International Schools
- State and Federal Government Youth Services
- Theater
- Council for the Arts
- Entertainment
- Colleges and Universities
- Community Centers/Non-Profit Organizations
- Business and Industry
- Music Publishing Companies
- Restaurants

Handshake

Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers.

www.kutztown.edu/handshake

Useful Websites for Music Education Majors

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

Industry/Employment Information

PA Department of Education
www.pde.state.pa.us

NJ Department of Education
www.state.nj.us/education

Education Week
www.edweek.org

Teachers Support Network
<http://teacherssupportnetwork.com>

LinkedIn Jobs
www.linkedin.com/jobs

Job/Internship Search Boards

PA-REAP
www.pareap.net

PA-Educator.net
www.pa-educator.net

Teachers-Teachers
www.teachers-teachers.com

Southern Teacher's Agency
www.southernteachers.com

K-12jobs.com
www.k12jobs.com

Education Job Page
www.nationjob.com/education

The National Assoc. of Music Edu.
www.menc.org/careers

Professional Associations

PA School Board Association
www.psba.org

American Federation of Teachers
www.aft.org/index.html

PA State Education Association
www.psea.org

National Education Association
www.nea.org

American Music Conference
www.american-music.org

International Society for Music Edu.
www.isme.org

Music Teachers National Association
www.mtna.org

Employers

Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, ArtsQuest, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, Kutztown University Music Department, Music Choice, Reading Samba School, Reda Films

Building Your Resume for a Career in Music Education

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge.

Malik Music Education

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PROFILE

Interested in being a Music Teacher for the Allentown School District.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Proven success building rapport with a variety of groups, parents and individuals
- Ability to effectively incorporate music theory into student instruction
- Proficient in piano, voice training, string instruments (guitar, violin and banjo), and percussion
- Experience instructing diverse student populations including individuals with disabilities

EDUCATION

B.S. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Kutztown, PA
Major: Music Education May 20xx
Minor: Psychology

Related Courses: Elementary Music Methods, String Techniques, Choral Methods, Cognitive Development of Diverse Learners, Effective Instruction Strategies for Students with Disabilities, Developmental Psychology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Boys and Girls Clubhouse of Allentown Allentown, PA
Art Instructor and Program Aide Summer 20xx

- Coordinated daily activities, such as mini-musicals and group voice lessons, for 150+ children ages 5-14
- Instructed and created lesson plans focused on music-related topics and activities
- Strived to improve students' appreciation of music through end-of-year music recital

Penn-Bernville Elementary, Tulpehocken Area School District Tulpehocken, PA
Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience Spring 20xx

- Taught lessons in voice and percussion to grades K-6
- Aided students and faculty in creating a promotional music video

New Hanover-Upper Frederick Elementary, Boyertown Area School District Boyertown, PA
Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience Fall 20xx

- Co-taught music education lessons with special education instructor in a self-contained classroom
- Incorporated use of instruments, such as keyboard and bongos, to promote therapeutic self-expression

Gateway School of Performing Arts, Reading School District Reading, PA
Professional Semester Student Spring 20xx

- Taught a lesson on vocals and relative pitch
- Assisted with vocal/pit rehearsals for school musical

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Bear Crossing Music Studio Sept 20xx-Present
Private Instructor-Violin

- Taught intermediate violin students ages 8-12

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Principle Violist, Kutztown University String Ensemble Fall 20xx-Present

- Organize and lead sectionals

Tenor, Kutztown University Choir Spring 20xx-Present

Recipient, Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center Spring 20xx

Recipient, Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center Fall 20xx

RELEVANT ENSEMBLES

Violist, Fulton Theatre, Lancaster, PA June 20xx-Present

Harpist, Reading Symphony Orchestra, Reading, PA Aug 20xx-Present

Alternate Violinist, York Symphony Orchestra, York, PA Apr 20xx-Jul 20xx

Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through internships.

Utilize summer breaks to acquire valuable experience via volunteer or employment opportunities related to your major.

Develop professionally through campus involvement and professional memberships. This illustrates responsibility, leadership abilities and time management skills.