What Can I Do With A Major In: Music

Western Carolina University Center for Career and Professional Development
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DESCRIPTION
Designed for students with an interest in music performance, commercial & electronic music, and music education. Students will go through music lessons on a main instrument as well as how to teach music, and create it electronically, depending on the concentration.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Accompanist
Acoustics
Arranger
Artist Management
Arts Administrator
Band Director (K-12)
Clinician
Choral Director (K-12)
Composer
Conductor
Copyright Consultant
Cruise Ship Entertainer
Entertainment Lawyer
Event Production
Film Scoring
Instrument Repair
Lyricist
Master Classes
Media Development
Military Band
Music Agent
Music Critic
Music Licensing
Music Therapist
Orchestrator
Performer
Sound Recording
Sound Engineering
Talent Scout
Vocal Coach

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Music Industry | Churches, Orchestras, Choral Groups | Opera and Theatre Companies | Military Ensembles | Recording Studios | Concert Venues and Performance Halls | Music Shops

INTERNERSHIP INFORMATION
At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

Most internships are done through Commercial & Electronic Music or Music Business. Many local businesses have hired WCU students as music interns. Some of these include:

Asheville Music Hall
Asheville Community Theater
North Carolina Stage Company
Diana Wortham Theater
Echo Mountain Recording Studio
Sound Temple Recording Studio
Top Notch Recording Studio
Live Sound Recording Services
Music Educators are required to Student Teach before graduation. Some of the local schools that have hired WCU students as student teachers are:

Cullowhee Valley Elementary  
Smoky Mountain High School  
Asheville High School  
Asheville Middle School  
Franklin High School  
North Henderson High School

WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?
Independent Worker | Think and Understand in Patterns | Curiosity and Creativity | Manage Time Well | Oral & Written Communication | Responsibility | Innovative Talents | Problem Solving | Planning Ahead | Teamwork

KNOWLEDGE
- Perform works of various style periods in a musically compelling way.
- Synthesize knowledge, skills, and values acquired throughout the curriculum.
- Share knowledge and expertise in a civic context for the benefit of others.
- Develop an initial educational plan into a career plan in the senior year.
- Advocate effectively for the arts through written and oral communication.

Interested in the classes you’ll be taking? Check you your eight semester program here:
http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/CFPA-Music-8-sem-BM-IMU.pdf

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES
- National Association for Music Education - http://www.nafme.org
- American Society of Composers - http://www.ascap.com
- North Carolina Music Educators Association - https://www.ncmea.net
- Preparing to be a College Music Major - http://majoringinmusic.com/prepare-to-be-a-college-music-major/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES
- For more information on Music Careers: https://www.careersinmusic.com
- Read NC state requirements about taking the Praxis exam in North Carolina: https://www.ets.org/praxis/nc/requirements

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