



College to Career Connection

Music

What is Music?

Music programs are designed to help individuals develop talents and acquire theoretical knowledge for playing musical instruments and singing. Music program at College of the Canyons offers a comprehensive curriculum to prepare songwriters, electronic minded musicians, symphonic composers, pop and jazz enthusiasts, in the path toward successful creative careers. The music department provides knowledge of music history and composing techniques. The music composition program at COC is designed to give students the ability to develop an individualistic artistic voice through the exposure to the rigors of traditional music theory, performance and musicianship. Students choosing the voice, jazz, and guitar performance option will have access to various college-based ensembles as well as theory and improvisation.

[COC - Music Associate in Arts for Transfer \(AA-T\)](#)

[COC - Music - Concert Performance Associate in Arts](#)

[COC - Music - Composition Associate in Arts](#)

[COC - Music - Jazz Performance Associate in Arts](#)

[COC - Music - Guitar Performance Associate in Arts](#)

[COC - Music - Voice Performance Associate in Arts](#)

Associate in Arts degree will not transfer to a 4 year university

Potential Industries/Employers

- Recording studios
- Music production companies
- Music retailers
- Media organizations (music magazines and licensing organizations)
- Schools and colleges
- Orchestras and touring companies
- Independent/freelance

Possible Job Titles

- Studio Musician
- Singer
- Piano Tuner
- Disc Jockey
- Church Music Director
- Engineer
- Mixer
- Music Producer
- Music Store Manager
- Music Teacher
- Music Therapist
- Conductor
- Composer
- Arranger
- Voice Teacher
- Publicist
- Music Software Programmer

How this Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Advancement

While College of the Canyons does not endorse all of these opportunities, we aim to provide access:

- [Internships and COC Career Center](#)
- [College of the Canyons Studio Jazz Ensemble](#)
- [Santa Clarita Valley Youth Orchestra](#)
- [Lynda.com Courses](#)
- [Internships.com Music Opportunities](#)
- [Music Therapy Volunteer](#)

CSU/UC Major Preparation (BA/BS)

- [CSUN: Music B.A. Option in Music Therapy](#)
- [CSUN:MUSIC, B.M. - Option in Composition/Commercial and Media Writing](#)
- [CSULA: Music B.M.](#)
- [UCLA: Music Composition B.A.](#)
- ... and more!

Additional information can be found at:

- [What Can I do With this Major](#)
- [COC Music Department](#)
- [Labor Market Information](#)
- [Assist: Student Transfer Information System](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [ONET OnLine: Job and Career Exploration](#)
- [Linkedin Alumni Tool](#)

Associations

Association is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. You can find helpful information about jobs and careers.

- [American Guild of Musical Artists \(AGMA\)](#)
- [Music Teachers' Association of California](#)
- [American Federation of Musicians](#)
- [National Association for Music Education \(NAFME\)](#)
- [Institute for the Musical Arts](#)
- [American Music Therapy Association](#)

This is a general information. It is not an exhaustive, comprehensive list. For specific information on majors and careers please connect with your professors and visit the counseling center at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling> | 3/26/21