

# Music

Colorado Mesa University offers the largest Music Department between Denver and the Salt Lake region. Studies in music theory, history, literature, ensemble performance, and one on one applied study with a professor give students a strong foundation on which to build a successful career in music. The Music Department is located in the [Moss Performing Arts Center](#), which houses a 288-seat Recital Hall, 620-seat theater, two large rehearsal halls, 13 faculty studios, a new piano/technology lab with 16 stations, as well as classrooms and practice rooms.



The Music program at Colorado Mesa University aims to prepare students as a performer or teacher, a professional in the music industry, or as the basis to other studies. Students receive excellent opportunities for musical growth, artistic achievement, and professional training through outstanding recitals, concerts and productions. Professors promote student growth through positive, collaborative teaching-learning environment. The Music department also reaches out to secondary students and teachers to provide educational opportunities by hosting instructive events, guest artists, and festivals. Learn more about performance and club opportunities through the [Music Department](#) website and the CMU [clubs and organizations](#) website.

## A person in this career field may:

- Write a musical score.
- Perform with a band.
- Sing in a musical or opera.
- Teach others how to sing or play an instrument at a university.
- Give private lessons.
- Conduct a musical performance.
- Craft music experiences in a house of worship.
- Work in the office of a music organization.
- Write for a music magazine.

## Major Skills & Characteristics

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poise</li> <li>• Ability to read and write music</li> <li>• Ability to sing or play an instrument</li> <li>• Perseverance</li> <li>• Observation skills</li> <li>• Communication skills</li> <li>• Basic reading and editing skills</li> <li>• Self-discipline</li> <li>• Versatility</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good stage presence</li> <li>• Physical stamina</li> <li>• Teaching abilities</li> <li>• Performance techniques</li> <li>• Ability to use various sound equipment</li> <li>• Adaptability</li> <li>• Flexible schedule</li> <li>• Creativity</li> <li>• Work well with others or independently</li> </ul> |
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## Organizations That Commonly Employ Music Majors

- Recording studios
- Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
- Theatres
- Universities/colleges
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Music organizations
- Restaurants
- Music publishing companies
- Museums
- Religious Organizations
- Radio stations
- Television stations
- Movie studios
- Entertainment companies
- Military Bands
- Symphonies
- Opera Companies

## Related Careers

- Administrative Services
- Advertising music director
- Arranger
- Architectural acoustic monitor
- Armed Forces band member
- Artist and repertoire person
- Art administrator
- Audio lead
- Band coordinator
- Composer/arranger
- Conductor
- Church Musician
- Band videographer
- Disc jockey
- Drum tech
- Editor
- Engineer/mixer
- Film music editor
- Fund Raising
- Guitar technician
- Instrument service & repair specialist
- Jingle writer
- Journalist
- Lyricist
- Marketing
- Mix engineer
- Music attorney
- Music copyist
- Music critic
- Music promoter
- Music publishing specialist
- Music reporter
- Music software programmer
- Music store manager
- Music stringer
- Music teacher
- Music therapist
- Musical director
- Musician
- Orchestra librarian
- Orchestrator
- Piano tuner
- Public relations specialist
- Publicist
- Record producer
- Recording technician
- Recreation director
- Royalties broadcast monitor
- Sequencing programmer
- Singer
- Song writer
- Sound designer
- Stage Director
- Stagehand
- Studio musician
- Synthesizer specialist
- Technical writer
- Transcriber
- Voice teacher

**Note:** Some of the occupations listed above may require additional education, experience, or training beyond a Bachelor's Degree. To research these occupations further, use the Career Research Resources links below.

## Career Research Resources:

Use these sites to research information about specific occupations such as nature of the work, training or qualifications, employment or job outlook, projections, earnings and wages.

**O\*NET-Online:** <http://www.onetonline.org>

The U.S. Department of Labor

- In the occupational search box type in key words, job titles, or occupational codes to research various careers.

**Occupational Outlook Handbook:** [http://www.bls.gov/oco/oooh\\_index.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/oooh_index.htm)

The Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Use the A-Z index to select the occupation you are researching, such as **Musicians and Singers** at <http://www.bls.gov/oooh/entertainment-and-sports/musicians-and-singers.htm>

**My Future.com:** <http://www.myfuture.com>

The Department of Defense

- This site compiles information from departments of [Commerce](#), [Education](#) and [Labor](#).

## Organizations and Associations Links

- Acoustical Society of America: [acousticalsociety.org](http://acousticalsociety.org)
- America Bandmasters Association: <http://americanbandmasters.org>
- American Choral Directors Association: <http://acda.org>
- American Composers Forum: [www.composersforum.org](http://www.composersforum.org)
- American Federation of Musicians: [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)
- American Music Therapy Association: [www.musictherapy.org](http://www.musictherapy.org)
- America School Band Directors Association: <http://www.asbda.com>
- Music Library Association: [musiclibraryassoc.org](http://musiclibraryassoc.org)
- Music Teachers National Association: [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)
- National Association for Music Education: [www.menc.org](http://www.menc.org)
- National Association of Teachers of Singing: [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org)
- Opera America: <http://www.operaamerica.org>

## Job Listings/Job Search Sites:

- Choral Net: <http://choralnet.org>
- ChurchJobs.net – Music & Worship: <http://www.churchjobs.net/jobs/listings/joblistings-music1.html>
- Entertainmentcareers.net: [www.entertainmentcareers.net](http://www.entertainmentcareers.net)
- Indeed: [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
- Job Search: [music.jobs.jobsearchsite.com](http://music.jobs.jobsearchsite.com)
- Musicians Page: [www.musicianspage.com](http://www.musicianspage.com)
- My Music Job: [www.mymusicjob.com](http://www.mymusicjob.com)
- Simply Hired: [www.simplyhired.com](http://www.simplyhired.com)
- Opera America: <http://www.operaamerica.org/applications/jobs>
- US Music Jobs: <http://us.music-jobs.com>
- Young Artist Program Tracker: <http://www.yaptracker.com>