Pathways to Careers in Music

Students in the LMU Music program pursue their love for music in a lively environment that encourages individual discovery and the realization of artistic potential. Through our distinguished faculty, challenging curriculum, and exciting performance opportunities, growth occurs in ways that lead to many possible career endeavors. The program invites students not only to excel as performers but also to develop music production and leadership skills, and attain high academic standards such as clarity in writing and oral communication.

Career Opportunities

Music Teaching/Administration
- Private Studio Teacher
- Music Store Studio Teacher
- Community Music Teacher/Administrator
- P-12 Music Teaching in Private or Parochial School
  - Pre-School Music
  - Elementary School Music
  - General Music
  - World Music/Music Appreciation
  - Instrumental Music
  - Strings
  - Vocal/Choral Ensemble Director
  - World Music Ensemble Director

Music Performance
- Solo Performer
  - Guitar
  - Opera
  - Percussion
  - Piano
  - Strings
  - Voice
- Ensemble Performer
  - Chamber Ensembles
  - Chorus/Opera Chorus
  - Orchestra
  - World Music Ensembles
  - Conducting
  - Accompanist

Music Industry
- Music Administrator
- Music Business/Marketing
- Music Management
- Music Publishing
- Music Retail
- Artistic Liaison
- Composer/Arranger
- Development Officer
- Film/TV/Video Game Scoring
- Personal Assistant
- Program Annotator
- Recording Engineer

Related Careers
(Requires additional study beyond the Bachelor of Arts)
- Music Therapy
- Music Librarianship
- Music Law
- Music Medicine
- Music Software Engineer
- Music Technology/Instrument/Equipment Designer
- Music Critical
- Music Agent

Courses in Graduate and Professional Preparation
- Instrumental Pedagogy
- Vocal Pedagogy
- Sinatra Opera Workshop
- Research/Methods in Ethnomusicology
- Musicology Placement Practicum
- Theory Placement Practicum

Sample Placements

Music Graduate Schools
- Brooklyn College
  - Conservatory of Music
- California Institute of the Arts
- California State University: Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge
- Eastman School of Music
- Indiana University
- Istituto Musicale Pareggiato della Valle d’Aosta (Italy)
- The Juilliard School
- Lesley University (music therapy)
- Manhattan School of Music
- New England Conservatory
- New York University
- Steinhardt (music therapy)
- San Francisco Conservatory
- University of British Columbia
- University of California: Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara
- University of Cincinnati
- College-Conservatory of Music
- University of Illinois
- University of Pacific (music therapy)
- University of Southern California
- University of Utah
- University of Washington
- Yale University

Professional Positions
- Music Management
  - Los Angeles Opera
  - Los Angeles Philharmonic
- Loyola Marymount University
- Pacific Symphony
- University of Southern California
- Teaching
  - Claremont Graduate University
  - Loyola Marymount University
- Santa Monica City College
- Scripps College
- University of Southern California
- Performance
  - Bach Collegium San Diego
  - Gamelan Sekar Jaya
  - John Alexander Singer
  - Ladestheater Coburg
  - Los Angeles Master Chorale
  - Los Angeles Music Center Opera
  - Los Angeles Philharmonic
  - Pacific Chorale
  - Portland Opera
  - San Diego Opera
  - San Francisco Opera
  - Staatstheater Darmstadt

The Office of Career and Professional Development (CPD), located in Von der Ahe 135, provides a wide range of career counseling services, information on internships and employment opportunities. For more information contact CPD at (310) 338-2871.