

Career Planning Strategies

FRESHMAN

Inquiry and Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll in courses with help of academic advisors. Enroll in COUN 191. Enroll in University 100. Visit Career Development Center explore major and/or career interests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule an appointment with career counselor. Attend Job Fair. Attend a CDC workshop on deciding on a major. Register in BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become familiar with CSULB Catalog and Schedule of Classes. Visit the CDC website for information on services and special events.
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SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain employment and develop skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend CDC workshops. Develop a resume. Upload resume on BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the Career Resource Library in the CDC.
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Assess: Interests, Skills and Values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with department and academic advisor. Discuss education and career interests with career counselor, peers, faculty and family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend internship and job fairs. Talk to people in various careers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join organizations in your interest area(s). Schedule an appointment with a career counselor to discuss interests and other assessments.
Explore Career Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore internship possibilities; visit CDC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access BeachLINK. 	

SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain employment and develop skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with career counselor to discuss career options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Career Resource Library to research career options.
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JUNIOR

Targeting Career Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take classes in your major. Attend internship and job fairs. Attend workshop on resumes, interviewing, and job search. Obtain career-related experience. Enroll in COUN 360I. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrow career options through further research. Assess interests, skills and values. Is graduate school in your future? Attend workshops on applying to graduate school. Access BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend graduate and professional school fair. Take electives in other areas to enhance your qualifications. Build a network (contacts). Develop/update a resume. Visit CDC website.
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SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a summer internship/ related experience. Compile inventory of interests, skills and qualifications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with career counselor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend workshop on resumes, interviews, and job search techniques. Revise resume.
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SENIOR

Job Search Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the course requirements in your major. Continue networking. Identify and utilize multiple resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Job Fair. Attend workshop on resumes, interviews, and job search techniques. Update resume. Access BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in On-Campus Recruitment. Attend employer information sessions.
Graduate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify graduate programs. Review application process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take entrance exams. Research financing graduate school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend graduate and professional school fairs.

To develop an individualized career plan, schedule an appointment with a career counselor.

Call **(562) 985-4151** or visit **Brotman Hall, Room 250** to schedule an appointment.

<http://careers.csulb.edu>

Music



Major/Career Profile

General Description

Careers in music may be classified into five primary employment areas. Music majors may choose to train as performers (including conductors), composers/arrangers, teachers, historians or therapists. Music professionals are employed throughout the country, although more opportunities in some fields exist in metropolitan areas where entertainment and recording activities are concentrated.

Most people who enter music careers begin studying an instrument or voice at an early age. Music performers, whether they play in a symphony orchestra, jazz or rock group, usually undergo many years of formal and informal training. A thorough knowledge of music, the ability to interpret music, private study with an accomplished musician and training at a university or conservatory are necessary to acquire the technical skills necessary for success. Other necessary qualities include: talent, versatility, creative ability and the stage presence to face an audience. Additionally, constant study, practice and self-discipline are necessary to maintain a high quality of performance.

Career Options

Graduates with this major have found work as: Music Teacher, Choral Director, Orchestra Conductor, Music Director, Singer, Arranger, Composer, Copyist, Musician, Music Therapist, Musical Instrument Sales Representative, Music Librarian, Music Critic, Music Editor, Musical Instrument Technician, Talent Agent, and Performing Arts Manager. Some of these careers require additional education or experience. Various entry-level trainee positions in business and industry are available for graduates regardless of academic discipline.

Typical Employers

Colleges and universities, hospitals, instrument/record manufacturers, hotels, music conservatories, musical groups, private dance studios, radio and TV industry, symphony groups, theatre, and self-employment.

Salary and Employment Outlook

Employment of musicians as a whole is expected to grow about as fast as the average through the year 2010. Opportunities in the performing music field remain very competitive. The supply of qualified musicians exceeds the demand. Beginners who are versatile and can play both classical and popular music or who are qualified to teach have more opportunities in the job market.

Musicians may be paid by the week, the performance or concert, the production, the session, the recording, or by the day.

Salaries will vary by size and type of employer, number of hours worked, geographic location, course work and related experience. Consult the Career Development Center for current local and national salary information.

For further information, contact:

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