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# Music

## What does a music major study?

Through diversity of course offerings and performance opportunities, the Department of Music provides a wealth of musical experiences and professional training for music majors, as well as experience learning about and creating music for any student. The central focus of the department is the synergy between exploration of the arts and the preparation of students who seek professional careers in the creation, interpretation and pedagogy of music. Deeply related to that focus is the department's commitment to elevate and sustain a study of music both as a necessary mode of understanding and a vibrant expression of the human experience. Successful candidates earn the Bachelor of Arts in music degree with an emphasis in performance, teacher preparation precertification or general studies.

## Why study music at Coastal Carolina University?

- Students who are pursuing teaching certification can enter the MAT program - a graduate option for students with a completed bachelor's degree in music with emphasis in teacher preparation precertification.
- All majors can participate in a variety of ensembles including concert choir, chamber choir, Pop 101, Gospel Choir, wind and percussion ensembles, symphonic band, pep band, Jazz After Hours (Coastal Carolina University's big band), World Percussion ensemble, The Coastal Winds, guitar and bass ensembles and University Orchestra.
- The Spirit of the Chanticleer Marching Band is open to all majors and performs regularly at home and away football games, parades and festivals, and accepts invitations to perform at high school marching band exhibitions.
- Ensemble performance stipends are available for participating members in the Marching Band, Pep Band, and other ensembles.
- Music majors are eligible for both the Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Award and the Music Performance Award. The VPA Award is available to students who present SAT scores of at least 1,000 (combination of math and verbal sections of test) or ACT scores of 21, have a minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0, and are recommended by the Music Department through audition. The Music Performance Award is a competitive award determined by the Music Department through audition only.
- Auditions are required for entry into the degree program and for scholarship consideration.

## What are some career options for music majors?

- Performance/Professional Artists
- Teaching
- Composition/Music/Editing/Arranging
- Arts Administration
- Music Publishing
- Broadcasting/Recording Engineering/Sound Reengineering

## What kind of courses do music majors take?

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|---------|------------------------|---------|--|
| MUS 170 | Basic Musicianship I   | MUS 253 | History of Western Music                     |
| MUS 270 | Music Theory I         | MUS 333 | Conducting I                                 |
| MUS 119 | Basic Music Technology |         | Ensemble & Individual Applied Study in Music |

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