The Music major aims to provide students with a comprehensive curriculum that deepens musical understanding and awareness, fosters creative expression, and encourages critical analysis and inquiry. The Music major enhances the mission of the College of Arts & Sciences, encouraging specialized study within the context of the liberal arts.

**WHY MAJOR IN MUSIC?**
Within each of its disciplines, the Department offers a breadth of courses that not only equip students with the tools to understand and evaluate an existing body of work, but also teach the necessary technical skills to bring their own work to fruition while fostering both creativity and engagement in the world around them. Music majors will be equipped to describe and analyze a variety of musical styles, and to understand music’s cultural and historical contexts.

**Career Opportunities**
Music majors are given the preparation for further study of music at the graduate level, and many students pursue careers in the music field, and/or excel in professions that combine music with other disciplines.

**Skill Sets Acquired**
Students enrolled in the major evaluate musical works, bring their own musical creations to realization, and express their understanding of music effectively in speech and writing. Students will be guided through substantive research and/or creative projects as a capstone experience. The curriculum aims to prepare students for careers in their respective fields or for further study at the graduate level, but perhaps more importantly, to give graduates a foundation of organizational, analytical, technical, and creative tools from which they might launch any future endeavor.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MUSIC MAJOR:**
- Visit the Music Department Website: [http://www.sju.edu/academics/cas/mtf/index.html](http://www.sju.edu/academics/cas/mtf/index.html)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the Music Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-2277
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center (610-660-3100)

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC?**
Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue. You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org):

**Musicians and Singers:** Plays one or more musical instruments or entertain by singing songs in recital, in accompaniment, or as a member of an orchestra, band, or other musical group. Musical performers may entertain on-stage, radio, TV, film, video, or record in studios.

**Music Composers and Arrangers:** Writes and transcribes musical scores.
**Music Directors:** Directs and conducts instrumental or vocal performances by musical groups, such as orchestras or choirs.

**Talent Directors:** Auditions and interviews performers to select most appropriate talent for parts in stage, television, radio, or motion picture productions.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN MUSIC OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**

There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

- Big Band Jazz Ensemble
- Concert Choir
- University Singers
- Jazz Combo
- Various chamber music ensembles

**OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN MUSIC:**

As depicted in the chart below, recent graduates have started their careers in a variety of industries (data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, Fine & Performing Arts Major, 2008 – 2012).
GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE MUSIC MAJOR RESUME:

Merion Music

1500 N. Warner Music Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19131 | Cell: (215) 555-5555 | mmusic1@sju.edu

EDUCATION
Saint Joseph’s University; Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts in Music
Overall GPA: 3.79/4.00
Study Abroad: Institute for European Studies, Vienna, Austria

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Administrative Assistant
Philadelphia Pro Musica, Philadelphia, PA
- Create and distribute outreach/marketing letters and materials
- Process and track ticket and CD orders
- Manage and update patron and donor data as necessary
- Organize, copy, assemble, and distribute all sheet music and rehearsal CD’s for choir members
- Prepare weekly announcements and other materials for choir members

Ticket Services Representative
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia, PA
- Provided customer service at the box office window, helping patrons with ticket purchases, season subscriptions, and requests for artist and event details
- Processed ticket orders and requests using Tessitura and TicketMaster applications

Operations Department Intern
Wilmington Symphony Orchestra, Wilmington, DE
- Communicated needed information about each concert or event as well as artist requirements and requests to others within the organization as directed
- Updated performance and artist records in OPAS database
- Created the 2012/2013 season calendar and program information booklet for musician and staff use
- Assisted with the creation, editing, execution, and tracking of artist contracts
- Worked as part of a team with guest artists and artist managers to arrange travel, accommodations, catering, engagement schedules, and payment
- Coordinated schedules for staff support of rehearsal and concert duty

Intern to the Executive Director
Philly Philharmonic, Philadelphia, PA
- Prepared for music education events (i.e. educational materials for participants, seating charts)
- Coordinated all aspects of concert production and concert duty
- Wrote press releases, radio spots, and designed direct mail pieces
- Researched grant opportunities and wrote content for applications

SKILLS
Proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Publisher), Tessitura ticketing functions, ACCPAC, OPAS software, Outlook and Zimbra
Familiar with basic web page creation and management, Adobe PageMaker, Macintosh operating systems, TicketMaster application

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Performed as an clarinet soloist in recitals and with University ensemble September 2006 – May 2012
FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS:

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.