Major Steps 2013-14

Music

Note: Highline Community College does not offer this major. However, you can complete many of the pre-requisite courses at Highline. Every effort has been made to provide current, accurate publication content. Always verify the admission information with your intended university.

What does a major in Music prepare me to do?

There are many possible career options for anyone interested and talented in music. Of these, performance, composition, teaching, and engineering/producing recordings are among the most common. Frequently musicians combine several of these into one career.

The Highline Music Department is dedicated to helping you develop the skills necessary to pursue a career or even an interest in music. HCC students participate in national and regional competitions and many go on to study at prestigious colleges and conservatories throughout the country.

How do I prepare for a major in Music?

To be successful in music, it is important to master skills from each of the primary areas of music – performance, theory, music literature and history.

Highline’s classes in Concert Chorale and Individual Instrumental and Vocal Instruction can help you develop technical skills as well as performance opportunities throughout the year. These courses are vital to if you are preparing for auditions. Most music programs require applicants to perform a vocal or instrumental audition for the Music faculty before granting admittance.

Our three-quarter piano sequence helps students develop the technique necessary for the piano proficiency exams at most institutions.

Highline’s theory program includes analysis, composition, sight-reading, sight-singing and ear-training.

The history and literature offerings at Highline span a wide range, including classes in History of Jazz, Introduction to Hip Hop, Music Appreciation, American Popular Music, 20th Century Music, Music Cultures of the World, and History of Rock Music.
**What Washington universities offer a major in Music?**

Central Washington University  
[www.cwu.edu/~music/](http://www.cwu.edu/~music/)  
509-963-1216

Cornish College of the Arts  
[www.cornish.edu/music](http://www.cornish.edu/music)  
1-800-726-ARTS

Eastern Washington University  
[www.ewu.edu/CALE/Programs/Music](http://www.ewu.edu/CALE/Programs/Music)  
509-359-2241

Pacific Lutheran University  
[www.plu.edu/music/](http://www.plu.edu/music/)  
253-535-7602

University of Puget Sound  
253-879-3700

University of Washington  
206-543-1201

Washington State University  
[www.libarts.wsu.edu/music/](http://www.libarts.wsu.edu/music/)  
509-335-3898

Western Washington University  
[www.wwu.edu/music/](http://www.wwu.edu/music/)  
360-650-4091

**Where can I get more information on a career in Music?**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics website provides information on careers, work environment, job outlook and wages.

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos095.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos095.htm)

**How do I request a faculty advisor?**

Our Music faculty members are active performers and composers with decades of experience in a wide variety of musical styles. They encourage you to meet with them early in your education to discuss class selection, career options, and university programs.

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Request a faculty advisor online at [http://edplanning.highline.edu/request.advisor.php](http://edplanning.highline.edu/request.advisor.php) or stop by the Educational Planning and Advising Center (EPAC) in building 6.

View EPAC hours online at [http://edplanning.highline.edu/contact.php](http://edplanning.highline.edu/contact.php)