

START WELL

STAY ON COURSE

FINISH STRONG

WHAT'S NEXT?



Learn

- Read Department Handbook
- Balance work & life
- Develop healthy practice habits
- Complete Auditions
- Complete WU 101
- Develop a daily schedule
- Meet w/ Applied Professors
- Learn about the various career paths in music

- Complete Music Theory and Aural Skills sequence
- Complete music history sequence
- Complete Proficiency Exams
- Consult with your adviser each semester
- Check your degree progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- Continue developing skills for career path
- Learn entrepreneurship & self-promotion skills
- Seek internships & mentorships
- Learn to organize events & festivals
- Develop Scholarly writing and public speaking skills

- Apply for graduation
- Pass Senior Recital Jury
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- Complete Teaching Licensure
- Assist with organizing an event or festival.
- Present a workshop, clinic or research presentation

Artist Manager
Artistic Director
Early Childhood Educator
Film/Video Game Composer
Hearing Conservation Specialist
Instrument Repair
Luthier
Marketing & Branding
Music Curriculum Developer
Music Journalist
Music Librarian
Music Producer
Music Therapist
Notation Engraving Specialist
PK-12 Music Educator
Private Music Instructor
Professional Musician
Publishing & Licensing
Recreational Therapist
Record Label Producer
Software/App Developer
Sound Engineer
University Professor

*Some careers require additional education or training



Experience

- Join NAFME, Phi MU Alpha or SAI
- Consider on-campus jobs
- Participate in clinics & workshops
- Attend KMEA, ACDA, CBDNA, NATS, or state music education conferences
- Learn software like Sibelius, GarageBand, Logic Pro, or Pro Tools
- Shadow local music educators & faculty

- Gain experience in recording and live performance setups
- Look into the [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) (WTE)
- Experience a collaborative performance
- Gain Teaching and Leadership Experience
- Work at summer music camps or community outreach programs
- Explore video/audio editing for teaching or performance projects
- Lead rehearsals and student performances
- Experience Live Professional Performances

- Complete student teaching
- Build professional relationships
- Complete WTE
- Join professional organizations
- Perform and explore different genres
- Perform Solo Recitals



Engage

- Join both professional and departmental student organizations
- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations
- Participate in Masterclasses
- Learn about contracts, publishing and self-promotion
- Develop online presence

- Consider a [Study Abroad](#) opportunity
- Apply for the Profession Education Program
- Begin developing professional references
- Start networking with local music educators & professional musicians
- Teach private instruction
- Speak with professors about professional performance opportunities

- Participate in [Apeiron](#)
- Contact alumni or network at events with people working in careers of interest
- Join the [WU alumni association](#)



Launch

- Discuss career goals with your advisor
- Devise a plan for intended goals
- Start daily practice routine
- Apply for internships and scholarships
- Participate in mock interviews & resume workshops offered by the [Career Engagement Office](#)

- Begin building your resume/performance portfolio
- Build a YouTube page of performances and LinkedIn account
- Research graduate school opportunities (if applicable)
- Research various public institution music programs (if applicable)
- Begin preparing literature for necessary graduate school performance requirements (if applicable)

- Complete Resume/Portfolio
- Utilize the [Career Engagement Office](#) to search for jobs
- Apply to graduate schools
- Seek employment
- Build a personal brand

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