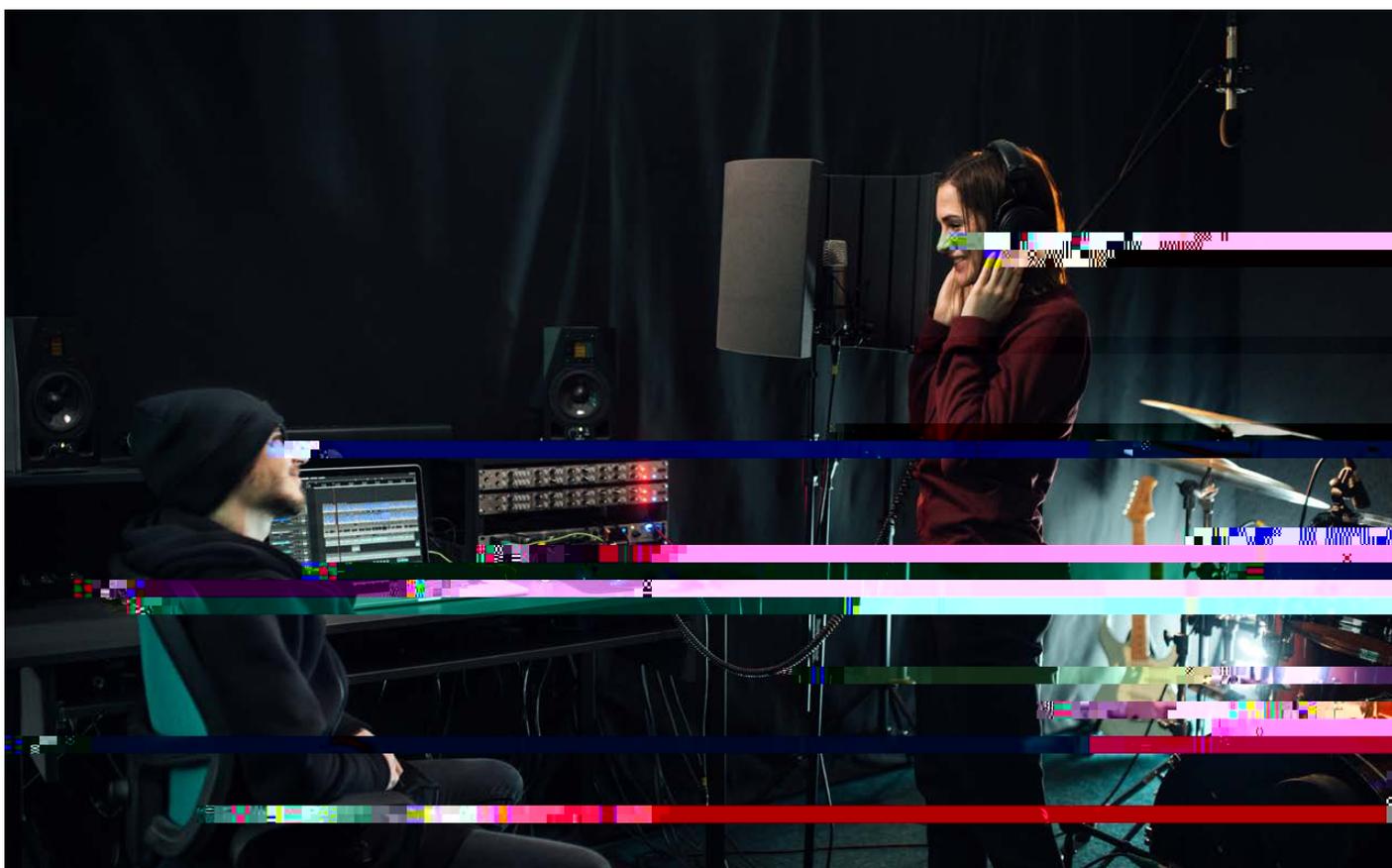




Some study pathways and degrees have a



## What skills can graduates gain?

Through their Music degree, graduates develop a valuable set of skills transferable to a range of careers. These skills can include:

- Technical skills needed to write, produce, perform and record music
- Creative skills such as composing, arranging, song writing, and music production
- Use of sophisticated software to create, record, manipulate and develop musical outputs
- Creativity, initiative and enterprise
- Thinking critically and challenging ideas
- Resilience and adaptability
- Self-management, planning and organisation
- The ability to receive and apply feedback
- Communicating and collaborating effectively in groups of people from diverse backgrounds
- Analysing complex textual and cultural phenomena.

## What do employers look for?

Many employers look for generic skills such as communication, client/customer-focus, bicultural competence, cultural awareness, teamwork and initiative.

## What jobs and activities might graduates do?

Graduates with this degree are employed in a range of jobs — see some examples below.

### Musician, performer

- Creates, records and/or performs musical works

### Secondary / primary school teacher

- Prepares and delivers learning experiences
- Understands the learning needs of rangatahi, observes progress to personalise support
- Promotes the wellbeing of rangatahi

### Private music teacher / tutor

- Plans and teaches music lessons
- Communicates student progress to whānau
- Arranges public performances and recitals

### Music director

- Fosters development of performers
- Recruits and auditions new members
- Arranges and directs performances and events

### Sound technician / engineer

- Creates sound effects or alters sounds
- Records and balances sounds
- Assembles and operates sound equipment

### Sound designer

- Uses technology to provide sound for moving images in a range of mediums, including film, games and theatre

### Composer

- Creates new musical works by writing scores, collaborating with others and using computers.

### Arts administrator / manager

- Plans logistics, provides office support, and manages budgets/schedules for events, venues, performers, managers
- Contributes to marketing materials and media

### Music therapist

- Uses music creatively to help people express themselves and effect positive changes
- Devises and monitors therapeutic strategies

### Event manager

- Develops and plans events
- Co-ordinates the performers, technical staff, venue hire and publicity
- Creates and maintains an event budget

### Music Leader

- Runs music organisations
- Leads community music making

### Community arts worker, arts development officer

- Promote artistic activities to groups and individuals to support their development and quality of life

### Examples of other job titles and careers include:

- Music producer
- Acoustic consultant
- Talent agent
- Education/outreach coordinator
- Theatre stage manager

## Further study options

Many graduates add a professional qualification to their degree, such as a journalism, music therapy, teaching and learning, or management degree.

For those interested in further research, UC students can study an honours, master's and doctoral qualification in Music. Postgraduate study can also lead to an academic career pathway in teaching and research.

Further study may facilitate career benefits such as specialist skills, entry into a specific occupation, higher starting salary, faster progression rate, and advanced research capability.

It is important to determine which, if any, further study options align with future career aspirations.

For further information, contact your academic advisor or the UC Student Centre. Further study options align with future career aspirations.

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