





CHURCH MUSIC MAJOR MAP

Bachelor of Music



Southwest Baptist
UNIVERSITY

	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
 <p><i>Grow</i> ACADEMICALLY</p>	<p>Investigate introductory courses like MUS 1611 Sightsinging/ Eartraining I, MUS Sightsinging/ Eartraining II, MUS 1613 Theory I, MUS 1623 Theory II, and MUS 1633 Survey of Music Literature.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with your department by getting to know the professors and other students within and outside your major.</p>	<p>Explore career goals with your applied instructor and consider if you would like to pursue a performer's certificate.</p> <p>Identify which ministry electives you are interested in and confirm all secondary applied requirements.</p>	<p>Consider what internships are available.</p> <p>Engage more in your department by taking classes such as MUS 3653 History of Western Music I and MUS 3663 History of Western Music II. By the end of this year, pass the piano and guitar proficiencies.</p>	<p>MUS 4752 Supervised Field Experience in Church Music will help bring your academic experiences together and prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.</p>
 <p><i>Pursue</i> SERVANT LEADERSHIP</p>	<p>Participate in student organizations and professional associations like Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competitions, and the Church Music Conference.</p>	<p>Consider volunteering on campus or with a community organization.</p> <p>Attend concerts/recitals on and off campus. Engage in touring/ performance opportunities with large and small ensembles.</p> <p>Participate in and/or organize fundraising activities.</p>	<p>Demonstrate servant-leadership by encouraging peers with a positive work ethic and persistence.</p> <p>Consider pursuing officer positions in large ensembles, student organizations, and networking at conferences.</p>	<p>Spread the word about what clubs/organizations/events you have enjoyed and help others to get connected on campus.</p>
 <p><i>Embrace</i> OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY</p>	<p>Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections to learn about global service opportunities.</p> <p>Consider ways you can use your skills to serve in a local church.</p>	<p>Learn about cultural norms of repertoire studied and interact with guest artists.</p> <p>Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.</p>	<p>Acquire familiarity with literature and artists beyond what is required in coursework. Attend live performances by internationally-recognized artists.</p>	<p>Interact and observe the work of international artists. Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation.</p>
 <p><i>Plan for</i> YOUR FUTURE</p>	<p>Discuss your career goals with your applied instructor and others.</p> <p>Begin developing your résumé with professional affiliations or activities.</p> <p>Apply for scholarships available through the Department of Music.</p>	<p>Schedule an appointment with Career Services for information on building your résumé and cover letter.</p> <p>Begin exploring options you have for your internship by attending career fairs and building your career network.</p>	<p>Gain experience by pursuing an internship and continue building your résumé.</p> <p>Explore graduate schools if you desire to continue your education.</p>	<p>Identify and ask individuals if they will write you letters of reference/ recommendation.</p> <p>Finalize your résumé and cover letter.</p> <p>Plan a time to meet with the Career Services Director to practice a mock interview.</p>

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Church Music Director

Church Music Coordinator

Choir Director

Church Organist

Church Pianist

Music Production Editor