

# MUSIC, BA

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

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#### If you wish to schedule an advising appointment, please note the following:

- Online access to schedule advising appointments is restricted to students who applied to, auditioned for, and have been admitted to the Mead Witter School of Music.
- Students considering applying to the School of Music should contact our undergraduate admissions coordinator, Jared Jellison, at [admissions@music.wisc.edu](mailto:admissions@music.wisc.edu) or 608-263-5986.

### INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ADVISING

Current music majors can schedule an appointment with Todd via Starfish, which can be accessed via your MyUW student portal. If uncertain how to use Starfish, please see <https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>

Appointments can also be made by phone at 608-263-1918.

#### Be Prepared for Your Advising Appointment

Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Any questions you have about requirements, extracurricular opportunities, study abroad, or whatever is on your mind.
- A pen and paper for note-taking.
- Any form you may need signed. Be sure you have filled out all pertinent information and have read the form/document thoroughly.

#### What to Expect from an Academic Advising Appointment

Academic advisors help students learn and understand their degree and major requirements. Programs in the Mead Witter School of Music are highly sequential, and some required courses are offered only once each year. Many of our undergraduates are interested in earning an additional major and/or certificate; with careful planning each semester, this is possible. Advisors often can explain some of the differences between courses that meet the same degree requirement. For students considering study abroad, it's a good idea to begin exploring programs early in your degree and work with your advisor to determine the program length (semester/summer/year) that will best fit your needs and interests.

It is recommended that you see an advisor at least once a semester to plan your courses and check progress toward degree completion. Students sometimes need clarification of degree requirements, particularly if they are considering switching to a different major/degree program within the School of Music.

### GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CAREER CENTER

Need assistance with preparing for your next step after college? Want to explore career options linked to a Music Education major? Want help beginning your job search and don't know where to start? Need assistance with your résumé, cover letter, or interviewing skills? Want to connect with potential employers?

### L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
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