Focus on Careers:

MUSIC

Music graduate study at Brandeis has concentrations in Composition and Theory, and Musicology. Careers in composition often blend creativity with performing, conducting, teaching, administration of music, or other endeavors. Brandeis’ Music Composition and Theory graduates have gone on to successful careers in composition, teaching, and administration.

Musicology focuses on the history and cultural contexts of music. A typical career path for a musicologist is earning a PhD, researching and getting published, and teaching at the university level. Other options might include working in museums, libraries, & archives; preserving instruments, manuscripts, photos, documents, and letters. In education options include teaching in high schools and prep schools, working in research centers, and university administration. Some musicologists choose to go into arts administration and management such as with concert halls, education departments, or symphony orchestras.

POSSIBLE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Teaching
- Music editing
- Conducting
- Composing
- Music ensemble management
- Professorship
- Performance
- Accompaniment
- Acoustic software development
- Arts administration

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- In-depth understanding of melodic meaning
- Deriving innovative, improvised solutions to composition problems
- Collaborative composition with others
- Understanding formal theories and analytics

BEYOND BRANDEIS

GSAS alumni have gone on to a variety of careers including:

- Music Instructor - Harvard University
- Musicology Lecturer - University of North Texas
- Musicology Adjunct Lecturer - Montclair State University

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To learn more about the field and career options in Music, please visit:

- American Composers Alliance
  composers.com
- Association of Performing Arts Presenters:
  apap365.org
- American Music Center
  amc.net
- National Endowment for the Arts Partners
  nea.gov
- Conductors Guild
  conductorsguild.org
- Music Educators National Conference
  www.dama.org

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences' Career Services office helps you explore career options and acquire job-search skills while at Brandeis and as you prepare to enter the workforce.