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Fraser T. Smith, Grammy Award-winning producer for Adele and Sam Smith, and Berklee Online student since 2006

WELCOME TO BERKLEE ONLINE, BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC'S ONLINE SCHOOL.



If you're looking to jumpstart your career, develop your skills, and connect with like-minded musicians, you've come to the right place. Berklee Online is an online microcosm of the best of Berklee, offering access to Berklee's renowned faculty, acclaimed curriculum, and unparalleled networking opportunities from anywhere in the world.

Work toward becoming an expert in your field with our fully-accredited Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree in Music Production, Music Business, Interdisciplinary Music Studies, Electronic Music Production & Sound Design, or Music Composition for Film, TV, and Games. Or, dive into any one of our specialized courses or certificate programs that have been designed for all areas and levels of music, including guitar, songwriting, music business, performance, and more.

I invite you to explore our degree program, certificates, and courses to discover the many ways you can achieve your goals with Berklee Online.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carin Nuernberg'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C'.

Carin Nuernberg
Dean of Continuing Education

Berklee College of Music is a non-profit, co-educational institution of higher learning incorporated under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

BE A PART OF OUR RICH HISTORY



Teaching the Best for Over 65 Years

Berklee College of Music was founded on the revolutionary principle that the best way to prepare students for careers in music is through the study and practice of contemporary music. For more than half a century, the college has evolved to reflect the state of the art of music and the music business, leading the way with the world's first baccalaureate studies in jazz, rock, electric guitar, film scoring, songwriting, turntables, electronic production, and more than a dozen other genres and fields of study. With a diverse and talented student body representing 96 countries and alumni who have collectively won more than 250 Grammys and Latin Grammys, Berklee is the world's premier learning lab for the music of today—and tomorrow.

The Best of Berklee—Online

Berklee Online is the award-winning online school of Berklee College of Music, delivering access to Berklee's acclaimed curriculum from anywhere in the world. Berklee Online's Bachelor of Professional Studies degree program, multi-course certificates, and online courses are fully accredited and taught by the college's world-renowned faculty, providing lifelong learning and networking opportunities to people interested in music and working in the music industry. Whether you're a seasoned music industry professional or just getting your career started, Berklee's curriculum and teaching methods will give you the skills needed to succeed in this ever-evolving business.

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

DEGREE PROGRAM

Best for students who want a music degree and the full Berklee experience.

CERTIFICATES

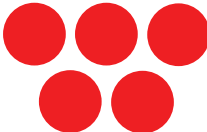
Best for students who want to gain a deeper proficiency in a chosen area.

COURSES

Best for students who are looking to meet a specific need, or simply want to get started with Berklee Online.

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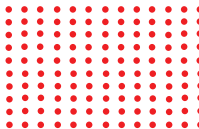
5 MAJORS



OVER 50 PROGRAMS



OVER 130 COURSES



IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT

ADMISSION PROCESS



TUITION

60%
LESS THAN
CAMPUS TUITION

\$ STARTING AT
4,200

\$ STARTING AT
1,449

TIME

2-4
YEARS



3-18
MONTHS



12
WEEKS



HOW BERKLEE ONLINE WORKS



Renowned Faculty

Berklee Online instructors have managed, produced, and engineered hundreds of artists and records and have received numerous industry awards and accolades. Each week you'll have the opportunity to participate in a live chat with your instructor and receive 1-on-1 instruction and feedback on assignments.



Award-Winning Courses

Instantly access assignments, connect with your instructor, or reach out to your classmates in our award-winning online classroom. Study from anywhere in the world at a time that fits into your schedule.



Specialized Degree Program

No other accredited institution offers the acclaimed degree curriculum provided by Berklee Online. Earn your degree at a cost that's 60% less than campus tuition and graduate with a professional portfolio that will prepare you for a career in your chosen area of music.



Like-Minded Classmates

Offering courses for beginners and accomplished musicians alike, our student body comes from over 140 countries and includes high school students getting a jump-start on college, working professionals, executives at industry-leading technology and business firms, and members of internationally known acts like Nine Inch Nails, the Dave Matthews Band and Korn.



Experienced Support

Every online student is assigned a Berklee-trained Academic Advisor. Each Advisor is passionate and knowledgeable about music and here to support you throughout your online learning experience.

TRY A SAMPLE LESSON FOR FREE:
online.berklee.edu/sample-a-course

ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

- 8. *Music Production*
- 10. *Music Business*
- 12. *Interdisciplinary Music Studies
(Create Your Own Major)*
- 14. *Electronic Music Production
& Sound Design*
- 16. *Music Composition for Film,
TV & Games*
- 18. *Ways to Start Your Degree*

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN **MUSIC PRODUCTION**

Overview

Gain an extensive background in the world's most popular software programs and learn the best practices for creating and producing recorded music in any style. Students will learn the most current techniques for successfully completing recording projects that are typical of those found in contemporary professional recording and production environments. Through hands-on instruction from Berklee College of Music's award-winning production faculty and industry professionals, as well as collaboration with other musicians and producers from around the world, students who successfully complete this degree will be able to hit the ground running in any professional music production environment.

Graduates of this program will:

- Learn to analyze, evaluate, and define quality using both musical and technical criteria and to apply those criteria to their own work and to that of others
- Synthesize acquired knowledge into an intellectual frame of reference to be applied to all aspects of music production
- Create a portfolio of professional-sounding recorded productions
- Comprehend the principles and practices of music production that will transcend technological advances and emerging styles

Curriculum (120 Credits)

10 Required Courses (30 credits)

- Music Production Analysis
- Critical Listening 1
- Audio Basics for Recording
- Pro Tools 101 or Pro Tools 110
- Pro Tools 110 or
Mixing & Mastering with Pro Tools
- Microphone Techniques
- Vocal Production
- Art of Mixing
- Creative Music Production Skills
- Capstone Course/Directed Study

Six Specialization Courses in Your Area of Interest (18 Credits)

Six courses in a given student's area of interest and professional development: music business, songwriting, arranging, orchestration, etc.

In Addition to:

- 5 Specified Elective Courses (15 Credits)
- 5 Core Music Studies Courses (15 Credits)
- 14 General Education Courses (42 Credits)



“All the courses I took were great. The ability to fit the coursework in around my work was absolutely critical. Studying online gave me the ability to refresh myself constantly so that I retained the information, instead of understanding it one moment and then having it leave me later.”

- Larry Oppenheimer (aka Larry the O),
Veteran Sound Designer and First Berklee
Online Degree Graduate

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN **MUSIC BUSINESS**

Overview

In this forward-leaning major, Music Business students will gain a solid foundation and develop a plan for success in the key verticals that all music industry entrepreneurs and prospective employees have to focus on: publishing, licensing, management, touring, marketing, entrepreneurship, and law. The program will also detail the most pressing issues facing the music industry today, from alternative approaches to copyright, the rise of mobile music consumption, the shift towards streaming music, crowdfunding and alternative approaches to generating revenue, and much more. It will properly prepare students for the opportunities that are available in the new music business.

Graduates of this Program will:

- Learn to analyze, evaluate, and define opportunities in the music business using both quantitative and qualitative data, and apply those criteria to professional pursuits
- Synthesize acquired knowledge into an intellectual frame of reference to be applied to all aspects of the music business
- Create an entrepreneurial business plan
- Comprehend the principles and practices of the music business that will transcend technological advances and emerging trends

Curriculum (120 Credits)

10 required Courses (30 credits)

- Music Business 101
- Music Marketing 101
- Music Business Trends and Strategies
- Concert Touring
- Music Licensing
- Legal Aspects of the Music Industry
- Music Industry Entrepreneurship
- Music Business Leadership and Ethics
- Music Business Finance
- Capstone Course/Directed Study0

Six Specialization Courses in Your Area of Interest (18 Credits)

Six courses in a given student's area of interest and professional development: music business, songwriting, arranging, orchestration, etc.

In Addition to:

- 5 Specified Elective Courses (15 Credits)
- 5 Core Music Studies Courses (15 Credits)
- 14 General Education Courses (42 Credits)



“A music business degree puts you in the position to be a leader in the music industry. You’re going to study with other students who have experience in the business as well as instructors that are skilled at incorporating music with the business principles you need to know in order to be successful.”

- John Kellogg, Assistant Chair,
Music Business & Management
and Online Course Instructor

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN INTERDISCIPLINARY MUSIC STUDIES (CREATE YOUR OWN MAJOR)

Overview

The music industry is undergoing enormous change, and as a result, musicians increasingly need knowledge of, and skills in, a number of different areas in order to succeed in their career. The Interdisciplinary Music Studies major provides students with considerable flexibility in choosing coursework across a number of disciplines to align with your personal career goals. With the help of an Academic Advisor, you will create a personalized education plan, which includes three courses of your choosing in both music business and technology (two critical areas driving change in the music industry), in addition to a series of core music and liberal arts courses. You will then choose additional courses in music production, composition, arranging, songwriting, performance, or other areas to strengthen your skill set specific to the career you are seeking. The program culminates with a capstone experience in which you will complete an in-depth project that demonstrates your readiness for professional work or advancement in the music industry.

Graduates of this Program will:

- Analyze the structure of the music industry and opportunities for creating new business models amidst change
- Evaluate new music technologies as they relate to the principles and practices of creating, distributing, and promoting music
- Synthesize acquired knowledge into an intellectual frame of reference in your chosen area of concentration
- Evaluate quality using both musical and technical criteria, and apply those criteria to your own work and to that of others
- Lead a creative project from conception to execution demonstrating mastery in your chosen area of concentration
- Develop a career advancement plan that articulates clear steps for securing and maintaining professional work in the music industry

Curriculum (120 Credits)

21 Required and Specified Elective Courses (63 Credits)

- 3 Music Business courses with at least one course at the 300 level or above
- 3 Music Production courses
- 14 additional courses in Music Business, Music Production, Composition, Guitar, Bass, Piano, Voice, Drums, Arranging, or Songwriting that align with your individual education plan. At least 7 of those courses must be at the 300 level or above
- Interdisciplinary Music Studies Capstone

In Addition to:

- 5 Core Music Studies Courses (15 Credits)
- 14 General Education Courses (42 Credits)



“I think the most valuable aspect of an online bachelor’s degree from Berklee is the experience itself. You have this incredible opportunity to access faculty who are passionate about your education and the development of contemporary music, and who continue to make strong influences on the industry.”

- J.R. Mina,
Berklee Online Music Business and
Music Production dual major

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN **ELECTRONIC MUSIC PRODUCTION & SOUND DESIGN**

Overview

Learn current music production, sound design, and synthesis technologies to create professional electronic music compositions. This program teaches students to apply core studio technologies and techniques, including recording, editing, and mixing, to electronic music and sound design projects. You will develop a deep understanding of electronic instruments, mastering a variety of synthesizer programming paradigms including subtractive, additive, FM, sampling, and granular. By the end of the program, you will have a portfolio of professional-quality sound designs and electronic music compositions to prepare you for a career as an artist, producer, remixer, or sound designer in fields such as electronic music production, post production, and video game sound.

Graduates of this Program Will:

- Compose professional quality electronic music in a variety of current genres
- Analyze, identify, and creatively manipulate the properties of sound from a variety of sources, creating new and unique sound design assets
- Develop a unique voice as a composer and producer using a palette of original synthesized and processed sounds
- Create effective sound designs for visual productions and multimedia applications
- Create remixes of existing source material in a variety of genres
- Develop a portfolio of professional-quality sound designs and electronic music compositions

Curriculum (120 Credits)

10 Required Courses (30 credits)

- Desktop Music Production for Mac
- Producing Music with Logic
- Producing Music with Ableton Live
- Sound Design for the Electronic Musician
- Sampling and Audio Production
- Mixing and Mastering with Logic
- Composing and Producing Electronic Music 1
- Composing and Producing Electronic Music 2
- Creative Digital Signal Processing for Music and Visuals
- Electronic Music Production and Sound Design Capstone

Six Specialization Courses in Your Area of Interest (18 Credits)

Complete any six courses (except Liberal Arts courses coded with OLART, OLSOC, or OLMSC) in your area of interest and professional development, e.g. music business, songwriting, arranging, orchestration, etc.

In Addition to:

- 5 Specified Elective Courses (15 Credits)
- 5 Core Music Studies Courses (15 Credits)
- 14 General Education Courses (42 Credits)



“With Berklee Online, I knew I could finally complete my degree from wherever I was — Nashville, New York City, visiting my family in Florida, or on a highway on the way to a gig.”

- Kim Logan,
Music Business Major and
Online Degree Completion Student

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR FILM, TV & GAMES

Overview

Gain the knowledge and practical skills to compose, arrange, and orchestrate effective dramatic music for visual media, including film, television, and interactive media. The program begins with a set of core music and technology courses to provide both the conceptual foundation in music theory and the technical foundation in a digital audio workstation to record, sequence, and mix music for visuals. You will study the works of master composers and innovators and analyze the role of music in a dramatic medium. You will then work through a series of composition and orchestration courses designed to teach specific techniques and develop your ability to write and write often for visual media.

Graduates of this Program Will:

- Analyze the role of music in a dramatic medium, in addition to the works of master composers and innovators in music for visual media
- Learn to compose, arrange, and orchestrate effective dramatic music to create a production or design plan for a project, including defining scope, milestones, and staffing structure
- Learn to record, mix scores and music stems, and mock up realistic-sounding orchestral demos in a digital audio workstation
- Create a portfolio of music compositions for film, TV, and games in various styles
- Develop a career advancement plan to attain freelance work or a staff position as a composer, orchestrator, or technical production worker in the film, television, and interactive media industries

Curriculum (120 Credits)

10 required Courses (30 credits)

- Film Scoring 101
- Notation and Score Preparation
- Composition 1
- Orchestration 1
- Composition 2
- Music Composition for Film and TV 1
- Music Composition for Film and TV 2
- Interactive Scoring for Games
- World Music Composition Styles
- Music Composition for Film, TV, and Games Capstone

In Addition to:

- 5 Specified Elective Courses (15 Credits)
- 12 Core Music & Technology Courses (36 Credits)
- 13 General Education Courses (39 Credits)
- The Music Composition



“The Music Composition for Film, TV, and Games online degree takes a very complex endeavor and goes through everything necessary such as music theory, orchestration, music production, music business, and industry networking, and prepares students to be able to do it in the real world.”

- Ben Newhouse,
Music Composition for Film, TV, and Games
Online Course Instructor

WAYS TO START YOUR DEGREE

Undeclared Option

The Undeclared option provides a pathway of study to all majors in Berklee Online's Bachelor of Professional Studies degree program. Designed for students with limited or no previous college experience, you'll have the expert guidance of an Academic Advisor on your journey toward earning a degree.

As an undeclared student, you'll earn up to 45 credits that will automatically transfer into any one of Berklee Online's degree majors, allowing you to begin your studies while having the freedom and time to decide on the major that is best suited to meet your educational and career goals.

Undeclared Option Highlights

- Earn up to 45 credits that automatically transfer into any of the Berklee Online degree majors
- Receive expert guidance from an Academic Advisor as you work toward selecting a major and earning your degree
- Declare a major at any time

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Transfer Credit

Berklee Online strives to accept as many applicable transfer credits into our degree program as possible. A maximum of 60 credits and/or a completed Associate's Degree can be accepted as transfer credits from a regionally accredited institution

[➔ online.berklee.edu/degree-transfer-credits](https://online.berklee.edu/degree-transfer-credits)

Degree Completion

If you left Berklee College of Music prior to completing your bachelor's degree, you now have an opportunity to complete your degree with Berklee Online. Many students who cannot return to campus are eligible to complete their degree through directed study, online courses, or a combination of both.

[➔ online.berklee.edu/degree-completion](https://online.berklee.edu/degree-completion)

Prior Learning Credit

We recognize that our students often have considerable previous learning, work, and life experiences in their chosen area of study. Through prior learning credit, you can earn up to 30 credits toward the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree program.

[➔ online.berklee.edu/prior-learning-credit](https://online.berklee.edu/prior-learning-credit)

Financial Aid

Financial assistance for your Berklee Online education is available from a variety of sources, including federal awards, outside scholarships, and private loans. Berklee Online degree students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents may apply for Federal Financial Aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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ONLINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS & COURSES

- 20. *Music Production*
- 27. *Guitar*
- 31. *Music Theory, Harmony & Ear Training*
- 35. *Songwriting*
- 38. *Music Business*
- 42. *Voice*
- 44. *Piano & Keyboard*
- 46. *Arranging*
- 48. *Bass*
- 50. *Orchestration*
- 53. *Drums*
- 54. *Music History & Liberal Arts*
- 57. *Music for Film, TV & Games*
- 59. *Improvisation*

BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

MUSIC PRODUCTION



Certificates

Master Certificate

Music Business & Technology

(9 courses)

- Music Business Trends and Strategies
- Music Publishing 101
- Online Music Marketing: Campaign Strategies, Social Media, and Digital Distribution
- Desktop Music Production
- Music Production Analysis
- Music Industry Entrepreneurship

+ 3 Elective Courses

Master Certificate

Production & Guitar

(9 courses)

- Critical Listening 1
- Guitar Scales 101
- Guitar Chords 101
- Getting Your Guitar Sound
- Producing Music with Reason
- Desktop Music Production

+ 3 Elective Courses

Master Certificate

Music Production Using Pro Tools

(9 courses)

- Pro Tools 101
- Critical Listening 1
- Pro Tools 110
- Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools
- Advanced Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools
- Advanced Music Production with Pro Tools

+ 3 Elective Courses

Master Certificate

Writing & Producing

(9 courses)

- Music Production Analysis
- Songwriting: Writing Hit Songs
- Commercial Writing Techniques
- Arranging 1: Rhythm Section
- Critical Listening 1
- Desktop Music Production

+ 3 Electives Courses

Master Certificate

Music Production & Technology

(12 courses)

- Music Production Analysis
- Critical Listening 1
- Pro Tools 101
- Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools
- Producing Music with Ableton Live
- Producing Music with Reason
- Sampling and Audio Production
- Desktop Music Production

+ 4 Elective Courses

Professional Certificate

Music Production

(5 courses)

- Music Production Analysis
- Critical Listening 1
- Recording and Producing in the Home Studio
- Art of Mixing
- Audio Mastering Techniques

Professional Certificate

Pro Tools

(4 courses)

- Pro Tools 101
- Pro Tools 110
- Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools
- Advanced Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools

Professional Certificate

Electronic Music Production & Sound Design

(5 courses)

- Desktop Music Production
- Sampling and Audio Production
- Sound Design for the Electronic Musician
- Composing and Producing Electronic Music 1
- Composing and Producing Electronic Music 2

Specialist Certificate

Orchestrating & Producing Music for Film & Games

(3 Courses)

- Orchestration 1
- Film Scoring 101
- Introduction to Game Audio

Specialist Certificate
Music Production using Ableton Live
(3 Courses)

- Critical Listening 1
- Producing Music with Ableton Live
- Advanced Music Production with Ableton Live

Specialist Certificate
Producing Music with Logic
(3 Courses)

- Critical Listening 1
- Desktop Music Production for Mac
- Producing Music with Logic

Specialist Certificate
Music Production & Audio Mastering
(3 Courses)

- Recording and Producing in the Home Studio
- Audio Mastering Techniques
- Desktop Music Production

Specialist Certificate
Pro Tools
(3 Courses)

- Producing with Pro Tools
- Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools
- Advanced Mixing and Mastering with Pro Tools

Specialist Certificate
Live Sound Production
(3 Courses)

- Critical Listening 1
- Advanced Audio Ear Training for Mix Engineers
- Live Sound: Mixing and Recording

Specialist Certificate
Electronic Music with Ableton Live
(3 Courses)

- Producing Music with Ableton Live
- Advanced Music Production with Ableton Live
- Composing and Producing Electronic Music 1

Courses

Producing Music with Ableton Live

Remix and produce in any number of contemporary styles, including drum and bass, R&B, breakbeat/trance, and house music using Ableton's Live audio and MIDI sequencing software, a sequencer you can play like an instrument.

Composing & Producing Electronic Music 1

Learn the necessary tools and techniques to create contemporary electronic music in a variety of styles, including drum and bass, trance, glitch, dub, electro, minimal, downtempo, house, and techno. If you are a musician interested in adding an electronic flavor to your production, or an electronic producer interested in moving your pieces to the next level, this course is for you!

Desktop Music Production for Mac

Master the tools and techniques for producing great-sounding music at home and create high quality recordings ready for CD or MP3.

Desktop Music Production for PC

Master the tools and techniques for producing great-sounding music at home and create high quality recordings ready for CD or MP3.

Music Production Analysis

Develop the skills to listen to music like a seasoned music producer. Learn to identify the elements of effective records and gain the skills to bring these elements to your own productions.

Pro Tools 101

Pro Tools 101 constitutes the first stage of Avid's Pro Tools certification program. Learn the foundational skills needed to understand Pro Tools technology and software. This course instructs you on recording, editing, and mixing on a basic level, and will get you on the road to becoming a Pro Tools operator from home.

Pro Tools 110

This second stage of Avid's Pro Tools certification program teaches a broad range of tools and Berklee production techniques that will help you tackle more complex Pro Tools projects and enhance your capabilities in all aspects of Pro Tools production.

Mixing & Mastering with Pro Tools

Gain a greater understanding of two key elements of music production by learning the Berklee approach to mixing and mastering using the Pro Tools software.

Advanced Mixing & Mastering with Pro Tools

This advanced music production course provides students with a deep understanding of mixing and mastering tools and techniques that can be applied to a wide variety of styles.

Producing with Pro Tools

Whether you are a seasoned Pro Tools user or new to the home studio, this course will guide you through everything you need to know to create great-sounding home recordings using Avid's Pro Tools software. Learn Berklee's renowned production techniques from set-up to mix down, and get a chance to talk gear, studio configurations, philosophies of production, and even speaker placement.