University of Southern California

Thornton School of Music

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Program Learning Objectives

Music (B.A.)

The purpose of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music is to train young musicians to the highest standards of the field of music and in their specialties and to complement their musical training with study in other fields. Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Music program, students will:

a. have the ability to perform in at least one major performance area or instrument at a professional entry level;
b. have the ability to take aural dictation of music and to analyze musical harmony and structure;
c. demonstrate an understanding of the repertory in their major performance area and the ability to perform a cross-section of that repertory;
d. be able to work as a leader and in collaboration in areas of musical interpretation and performance;
e. have an understanding of the societal impact of music and the ethical responsibility of a professional musician;
f. have the ability to engage in life-long learning;
g. have the practical, technical and historical knowledge to communicate their values and understanding of music to the world at large.