

DigiPen Music & Sound Design



- ◆ **Location:** DigiPen Institute of Technology
- ◆ **High School Credits:** Year 1- CTE (2.0), Fine Art (1.0)
Year 2- CTE (3.0)
- ◆ **2 Year Program Available**
- ◆ **Program fees apply** (financial assistance may be available for qualifying students)
- ◆ **College Credits:** DigiPen Credits TBD

Sound and music play a critical role in how audiences experience games, animated films, and other forms of entertainment, making skilled sound designers essential to a project's success. This program focuses on the creative and technical aspects of music and sound design, production, and implementation. Students study composition, theory, performance, audio recording and mixing, and technical sound design for animations and video games. Students gain valuable experience creating and implementing original music and sound using the latest in digital design tools, all of which can help launch them into this field.

- Learn basic music theory including music notation, keys and music analysis.
- Apply elements of rhythm, pitch, and harmony.
- Develop skills in transcription and composition.
- Develop a more intuitive understanding through ear training.
- Expand knowledge of music history and genres.
- Gain competency with the use of digital music production tools and processes.
- Learn basic audio engineering skills for recording and mixing.
- Practice the Video Game production process including pitches, design documents, scheduling, milestones, testing, time management, and working on interdisciplinary teams.

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DigiPen Music & Sound Design Occupations

Sample of reported job titles: Audio Engineer, Audio Production Editor, Composer, Creative Director, Film Composer, Music Arranger, Music Composer, Music Producer, Sound Designer, Sound Technician, Recording Engineer

Median Yearly Salary Seattle Metro area*

- ◆ Music Directors and Composers \$51,170
- ◆ Sound Engineering Technicians \$55,950
- ◆ Audio and Video Technicians \$71,420

*Source: careeronestop.org, U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics 2021

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WANIC Skill Center serves high school students from these School Districts:

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Mercer Island ◆ Northshore ◆ Riverview ◆ Snoqualmie Valley

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