



UTAH ARTS ACADEMY

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UAA COMMERCIAL MUSIC STUDIO

The UAA Commercial Music Studio is a response to the ever-evolving roles of musicians and our commitment to preparing our students for their next steps in universities or industry.

Utah Arts Academy is taking cues from the forward-thinking and progressive music programs of local universities like BYU, UVU, and SUU, as well as major arts-centric universities like Berklee, Belmont, Full Sail, and the Conservatory of Recorded Arts and Sciences in creating a music curriculum that is a more realistic preparation for the prerequisites of the modern music student experience as well as the modern music industry.

While still allowing for a primary instrument focus at UAA, every Commercial Music Student will also study the fundamentals of piano, guitar, music business, songwriting, theory, composition, and recording. On the academic front, universities are shifting to make commercial music the hub of their music departments. Professionally, technology has moved the recording studio into the homes of musicians and a working knowledge of composition, arranging, writing and recording is now expected of almost everyone in the business.

Our faculty is highly experienced and highly educated in the music industry. Our curriculum directly addresses the admission requirements of the best commercial music programs in the country. Over the course of a student's four years at UAA they will study:

- Piano Workshop and Methods
- Guitar Workshop and Methods
- Audio Workshop
- Advanced Placement Music Theory
- Songwriting
- Music Business

At UAA, we want our students to succeed as artists and as well-rounded human beings. We want them to hit the ground running, to speak the language of all of the fields that support their craft, to make a good living, and to collaborate and create to make something greater together than they could alone.

Sincerely,

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