

Freedman's Colleges

Below is a list of colleges compiled by Dr. Barbara Freedman, teacher of Electronic Music Composition & Studio Production at Greenwich High School in CT. These schools have strong programs in music performance, music industry, music technology, audio engineering, and other commercial music related undergraduate degrees. These are not all of the schools in the US, just a list of those that over the years I can recommend and have found students from this region are drawn to. I am happy to sit with my students and go through the list to make individual recommendations.

Your guidance counselor will know you best and what will work best for you when applying to college so make sure you make an appointment and speak to your guidance counselor. I suggest a few things to keep in mind when choosing a college:

1. Apply to as many schools as you and your family can afford the application fees. Let the schools tell you if you were accepted or not and what kind of financial aid or scholarship package they are offering you. Don't make a decision for the school by not applying to a school you might want to go to. Although it is good to understand what schools are more accessible to you given your GPA and SAT scores and financial constraints, always have a school or two to shoot for. Hey, you never know!
2. I suggest you apply to a minimum of five schools; one "shoot for" school, 3-4 within your realm of reality and 1-2 back ups you are sure to get into.
3. I also suggest that you go to a four year college or university whenever possible. Some of you will find it best to go to a community college for the first two years of your college and then transfer to a four-year college. Please, don't just go to the local community college because it's close to home and you can do your basic academic work there. In rare cases is this really to your advantage. You might just wind up bored out of your skull and you might even quit college altogether. NOT a good idea! There are a few solid community colleges on the list below that aren't too far away that actually offer programs in areas you might be interested in. Check out Westchester Community College in NY and Naugatuck Community College in CT.
4. I do not recommend that you go to a school that does not offer at least a 2-year Associate Degree. Yes, there are some very reputable trade schools that offer certificate programs but I would on very rare occasions recommend those schools to people under the age of 25. A few are listed below.

Also, check out this link for more colleges:

Music & Entertainment Industry Educators Association (MEIEA)

http://www.meiea.org/member_schools

American University <http://www.american.edu>

Audio Production: <http://www.american.edu/cas/audio-technology/BA-APRO.cfm>

Audio Technology: <http://www.american.edu/cas/audio-technology/BS-ATEC.cfm>

The Art Institutes

Audio Production: <http://new.artinstitutes.edu/areasofstudy/Audio-Production/detail/46/0>

Bard College

- Music Major: <http://www.bard.edu/academics/programs/programs.php?id=591248&pid=780>
- Conservatory of Music: <http://www.bard.edu/conservatory>

Bay State College (Boston, MA)

Music Industry Management:

<http://www.baystate.edu/programs/on-campus/bachelors/management-music-industry>

Belmont University

Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business www.belmont.edu

- Music Business: <http://www.belmont.edu/cemb/degree-programs/music-business.html>
- Entertainment Industry Studies: <http://www.belmont.edu/cemb/degree-programs/eis.html>
- Audio Engineering Technology: <http://www.belmont.edu/cemb/degree-programs/aet.html>
- Songwriting: <http://www.belmont.edu/cemb/degree-programs/sng.html>

School of Music:

- Composition:
http://www.belmont.edu/music/degrees/music_undergraduate/composition.html
- Commercial Music:
http://www.belmont.edu/music/degrees/music_undergraduate/commercial_music.html
- Music Education:
http://www.belmont.edu/music/degrees/music_undergraduate/music_education.html
- Music with an Outside Minor:
http://www.belmont.edu/music/degrees/music_undergraduate/music_outside_minor.html
- Music Therapy:
http://www.belmont.edu/music/degrees/music_undergraduate/music_therapy.html
- Bachelor of Arts with a Music Major:
http://www.belmont.edu/music/degrees/music_undergraduate/ba_music.html

Berklee College of Music www.berklee.edu

- Berklee College of Music offers many different degree possibilities. Please see their website for more information

Bloomfield College www.bloomfield.edu/cat/musicmajor.asp

- Music Technology

Boston University

- Bachelor of Arts in Music <http://www.bu.edu/cfa/music/prospective/undergrad>

Brown University <http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Music/undergraduate/programs.html>

- Electronic Music & Multimedia in conjunction with RISD (Rhode Island Institute of Design)

Butler University

- Recording Industry Studies:
<https://www.butler.edu/creative-media-entertainment/recording-industry-studies>
- Sports Media Studies: <https://www.butler.edu/sports-media>

California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts) <http://music.calarts.edu/>

California State University: Mike Curb College of Arts and Media Communication

- Music Industry Studies:
<http://www.csun.edu/mike-curb-arts-media-communication/music/music-industry-studies-option>

California Polytechnic University at Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona)

- Music Degree with specialization in Music Industry or Commercial Music Performance <http://www.cpp.edu/~class/music/about-department/the-music-degree.shtml>

Capitol University <http://www.capitol.edu/conservatory>

- Music Technology
- Music Industry
- Composition

Carnegie Mellon <http://music.cmu.edu/programs.php>

- Composition
- Music Technology

Central Connecticut State University

- Music <http://www.music.ccsu.edu/undergrad.html>

The City College of New York <http://sonic.arts.ccnycuny.edu>

Music Technology

College of Saint Rose <http://www.strose.edu>

- Music Industry <https://www.strose.edu/music-industry>

Columbia University <http://music.columbia.edu/>

- Music major also in conjunction with The Juilliard School

The Cleveland Institute of Music <http://www.cim.edu>

- Audio Recording
- Double major with instrument or composition major

Cornell University/Music Department <http://www.arts.cornell.edu/music/index.html>

- Music Major

Dartmouth College <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~music/undergrad/>

- Composition and Sonic Arts
- Music with another Major

Drexel University/Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts

- Interactive Digital Media: <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/undergraduate/WBDV>
- Music Industry: <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/undergraduate/MIP>
- Entertainment & Arts Management: <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/undergraduate/EAM>
- Performing Arts: <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/undergraduate/PerformingArts>
- Game Art & Production: <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/undergraduate/GMAP>

Duquesne University/ The Mary Pappert School of Music

<http://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/music>

- Music Technology:
<http://duq.edu/academics/schools/music/departments/music-technology/bachelor-of-music-in-music-technology>
- Music Education:
<http://duq.edu/academics/schools/music/departments/music-education/bachelor-of-science-major-in-music-education>
- Music with Elective Studies in Business:
<http://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/music/departments/bachelor-of-music-with-elective-studies-in-business>

Emerson College <https://www.emerson.edu/programs/media-arts-production-bfa>

- Media Arts Production

Full Sail University <http://www.fullsail.edu/>

- Music Recording
- Music Business

George Mason University

- Music Technology: <http://music.gmu.edu/degree-programs/music-technology>

Hampshire College

- Game Design:
<https://www.hampshire.edu/academics/game-design-and-development.htm>
- Music: <https://www.hampshire.edu/academics/music.htm>

Hofstra University

- Music Performance, Music Business, Jazz and Commercial Music:
<http://www.hofstra.edu/academics/colleges/hclas/music/index.html>

Husson University- New England School of Communications: <http://www.husson.edu/nescom>

- Audio Engineering
- Live Sound technology
- Entertainment Production

Indiana University (Bloomington) Jacobs School of Music <http://www.music.indiana.edu/>

- Recording Arts
<http://www.music.indiana.edu/departments/academic/recording-arts/index.shtml>
- Composition
<http://www.music.indiana.edu/departments/academic/composition/index.shtml>
- Music Entrepreneurship and Career Development:
<http://www.music.indiana.edu/departments/offices/entrepreneurship-careers/index.shtml>
- Music Business (Individualized Major)
<http://www.indiana.edu/~imp/index.shtml>
- Music Education:
<http://www.music.indiana.edu/departments/academic/music-education/index.shtml>

Indiana University/Purdue University Indiana

- School of Music and Technology:
<http://music.iupui.edu/degrees/bs-MusicTechnology.shtml>

Institute of Audio Research (iar) <http://www.audioschool.com/>

- Music Production

Ithaca College www.ithaca.edu/music

- Sound Recording Technology:
<http://www.ithaca.edu/music/performance/programs/recording>
- Music in Combination with an Outside Field:
<http://www.ithaca.edu/music/combo/programs/musicof>
- Music Education: <http://www.ithaca.edu/music/education/programs/mused>
- Performance and Music Education:
<http://www.ithaca.edu/music/education/programs/perfed>
- Composition: <http://www.ithaca.edu/music/mthc/programs/comp>
- Electroacoustic Music: <http://www.ithaca.edu/music/electroacoustic>
- Music: <http://www.ithaca.edu/music/ba/programs/music>

Loyola New Orleans <http://cmfa.loyno.edu/music>

- Music Industry
- Music Composition
- Music Therapy

Manchester Community College <http://www.mcc.commnet.edu/academic/degrees/musOpt.php>
Music Option

Manhattanville

- Music Technology <http://faculty.mville.edu/kiddeg/MusicTechnology/Index.htm>
- Music Department
<http://www.mville.edu/AcademicsandResearch/AcademicDepartments/Music/Default.asp>
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Mercy College

<https://www.mercy.edu/degrees-programs/bs-music-production-recording-arts>

- Music Production & Recording Arts

Montclair State University of NJ:

<http://www.montclair.edu/arts/cali-school-of-music/academic-programs/>

- Music Composition

Musician's Institute of Technology College of Contemporary Music <http://www.mi.edu/>

- Music Industry and Technology
- Music Performance in Contemporary Styles
- Songwriting & Production
- Composition

Naugatuck Valley Community College Music And Performing Arts Option

- Digital Arts Technology AA
<https://www.nv.edu/Academics/Academic-Programs/Areas-of-Study/Visual-And-Performing-Arts-Music-Option>
- <https://www.nv.edu/Academics/Academic-Programs/Areas-of-Study/Digital-Arts-Technology-DAT>

This is part of the CT Community College System. Naugatuck has an excellent music program overall with specific studies in Electronic Music and Audio production. It's about a one and a half hour commute from Greenwich but worth the trip if you can schedule your classes in 2 -3 days or live nearby.

Nassau Community College www.ncc.edu

Music with an emphasis in Recording Technology

New Haven University <http://www.newhaven.edu/show.asp?durki=220>

- Music Industry <http://www.newhaven.edu/show.asp?durki=220#BAIndustry>
- Music and Sound Recording <http://www.newhaven.edu/show.asp?durki=220#BASound>

New Jersey City University, NY

- Media Arts: <http://www.njcu.edu/department/media-arts>

Northeastern University www.music.neu.edu

- Music Industry
- Music Technology
- Dual major in Multimedia Studies/Music Technology

Northwestern <http://www.music.northwestern.edu/programs>

- Composition
- Music Technology (minor) <http://musictechnology.northwestern.edu/degrees.php>

Northern Vermont University:

- Arts Management:
<https://www.northernvermont.edu/academics/degree-programs/visual-arts/arts-management>
- Audio Production:
<https://www.northernvermont.edu/academics/degree-programs/music-business-and-industry/audio-production>
- Music Business & Industry:
<https://www.northernvermont.edu/academics/degree-programs/performing-arts/music-business-and-industry>
- Performing Arts & Technology-Music:
<https://www.northernvermont.edu/academics/degree-programs/performance-arts-and-technology/music>

NYU Steinhardt School <http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/music>

- Music Business
- Performing Arts Administration
- Music Technology
- Scoring for Film & Multimedia
- Composition

NYU/Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music/NYU Tisch School of the Arts
www.clivedavisdept.tisch.nyu.edu

Oberlin Conservatory of Music www.timara.oberlin.edu
<http://www.oberlin.edu/con>

- Computer Music
- Performance Technology
- Composition

Plymouth State University

- Music Technology
<https://www.plymouth.edu/academics/undergraduate-academic-programs/music/2018/02/01/music-technology>

Polytechnic University (Part of NYU)

- Integrated Digital Media <http://www.poly.edu/humanities/undergraduate/media/index.php>

Peabody Institute/Johns Hopkins University www.peabody.jhu.edu/recording-arts

- Recording Arts

Penn State University www.psu.edu

- B.F.A. in Technical Theater (Sound Design)
- B.A. in Integrative Arts.

Ramapo College http://www.ramapo.edu/catalog_09_10/CA/music.html

- Music Industry, Music Performance, Music Production, Music Studies

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- Electronic Arts: <http://www.arts.rpi.edu/pl/undergraduate-programs-s3>
- Electronic Media, Arts and Communication: <http://www.hass.rpi.edu/pl/emacs>

Rowan University (State University of NJ) <http://www.rowan.edu/home>

- Music Industry (Music Technology or Music Business):
<https://academics.rowan.edu/cpa/music/divisions/MusicIndustry.html>

Rutgers <http://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/music>

San Francisco Conservatory of Music:

- Technology and Applied Composition <http://www.sfcmtac.com/>

Stanford University <http://music.stanford.edu/Academics/ugradStudies.html>

- Music, Science & Technology Major

SUNY Cayuga Community College <http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/>

- Audio/Radio Production (Telecommunications Department)
- Radio/ Television Broadcasting & Technology

SUNY Fredonia

- Audio Radio Production (Communications Department)
<http://www.fredonia.edu/departments/communication/arp.asp>
- Sound Recording Technician (Music Department)
<http://home.fredonia.edu/music/undergrad>

SUNY Finger Lakes Community College

<http://www.fingerlakes.edu/academics/musicrecording/index.html>

- Music Recording Technology

SUNY Oneonta <http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/music/MajorIndustry.html>

- Music Industry

SUNY Purchase

<http://www.purchase.edu/departments/AcademicPrograms/Arts/music/programs.aspx>

- Arts Management
- Music Production
- Studio Composition
- Studio Production

SUNY Westchester Community College

- Music Performing Arts/Music Technology:
- <https://www.sunywcc.edu/academics/programs/performing-arts/>

This program is now in Valhalla, NY, just 20 minutes away from Greenwich!

Syracuse University

- Recording and Entertainment Industries: *"The Bandier Program" combines the study of the business of music, media, marketing, and entrepreneurship with hands-on experiences to prepare students for a successful career in the music industry.*
<https://www.syracuse.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors-minors/bandier-program/>
<http://newhouse.syr.edu/academics/degrees/bachelors/bandier-program>
- Music Composition
<https://www.syracuse.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors-minors/music-composition/>
- Music Industry
<https://www.syracuse.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors-minors/music-industry/>

Temple University www.temple.edu/btmm

- Broadcasting
- Telecommunications
- Mass Media

Tulane: <http://www.tulane.edu/~music/programs/undergraddegree.html>

- Music Technology <http://www.tulane.edu/~music/tmt/about.htm>
- BS in Music Science & Technology
<http://www.tulane.edu/~music/programs/bsmussctech.htm>

University of Bridgeport

- Music Industry <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3655.asp>
- Music Performance <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3657.asp>

University of Cincinnati: College/Conservatory of Music

- E-Media: <https://ccm.uc.edu/emedial.html>
- Commercial Music Production: <https://ccm.uc.edu/music/cmp.html>
- Composition: <https://ccm.uc.edu/music/cmt.html>

University of Hartford/Hartt School of Music

<http://harttweb.hartford.edu/undergraduate/default.aspx>

- Composition: <http://harttweb.hartford.edu/undergraduate/music/composition.aspx>
- Music Production & Technology:
<http://uhaweb.hartford.edu/musicprod/Musicprod/Welcome.html>
- Music Management: <http://harttweb.hartford.edu/undergraduate/music/management.aspx>

University of Hartford/Ward College

- Audio Engineering Technology
<http://www.hartford.edu/ceta/undergraduate/technology/AUD/default.aspx>

University of Maryland

- Composition: http://www.music.umd.edu/academic_programs/bm

University of Massachusetts/Lowell

- Sound Recording Technology
http://www.uml.edu/College/arts%5Fsciences/music/Programs_of_Study/Undergraduate_Music_Programs/Sound_Recording_Technology_Program/srt.html
- Music Business
http://www.uml.edu/College/arts%5Fsciences/music/Programs_of_Study/Undergraduate_Music_Programs/Music_Business_Program/music_business.html

University of Miami:

- B.M. in Music Business Entertainment Industries with a Business, Communications, or Entertainment-Related Minor:
<http://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/music/music-media-industry/music-business-entertainment-industries-bm>
- B.M. in Musicianship, Artistry Development, and Entrepreneurship with a Minor in Music Business and Entertainment Industries:
<http://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/music/music-media-industry/musicianship-artistry-development-entrepreneurship-bm>
- B.S. in Music Engineering Technology with a Minor in Computer or Electrical Engineering:
<http://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/music/music-media-industry/music-engineering-technology-bs/>
- B.M. Media Writing & Production (Commercial Music & Production):
<http://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/music/music-theory-composition/media-writing-production-bm/>
- B. M. Music Theory & Composition
<http://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/music/music-theory-composition/music-theory-composition-bm>

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

<http://www.music.umich.edu/departments/pat/programs.htm>

- [Bachelor of Music in Music & Technology \(Curriculum A\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performing Arts Technology, Music Concentration \(Curriculum B\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performing Arts Technology, Media Arts Concentration \(Curriculum C\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Science in Sound Engineering \(Curriculum D\)](#)

University of Michigan <http://www.music.umich.edu>

- Performing Arts Technology
- Composition

University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music <http://www.esm.rochester.edu>

- Composition: <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/composition>
- Computer Music: <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/composition/computer-music>
- Music Education: <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/musiced>

University of Southern California USC/Thornton School of Music <http://www.usc.edu/music>

Contemporary Music: <https://music.usc.edu/departments/contemporary-music>

- Composition: <https://music.usc.edu/departments/classical-performance-studies/comp>
- Music Industry: <https://music.usc.edu/departments/industry>
- Music Technology: <https://music.usc.edu/departments/music-technology>
- Popular Music: <https://music.usc.edu/departments/popular-music>
- Screen Scoring: <https://music.usc.edu/departments/scoring>

Westchester Community College

Westchester Community College has moved their Recording Engineering MIDI classes to the Valhalla location, a 25-minute drive from Greenwich!

- Performing Arts including Recording Engineering:
http://catalog.sunywcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=26&poid=1834&returnto=2602
- Communication and Media Arts:
http://catalog.sunywcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=35&poid=2943&returnto=4833

Western Connecticut State University

- Music Department <http://www.wcsu.edu/music/>
- Audio & Music Production: <http://www.wcsu.edu/music/bm-amp.asp>

William Paterson University: <https://www.wpunj.edu/coac/departments/music/>

- Sound Engineering Arts
- Music Management
- Musical Studies

Yale Department of Music <http://www.yale.edu/yalemus/undergrad.html>

- Music Major

Yale School of Drama www.yale.edu/drama/admissions/sdesign.html

- Sound Design Technology