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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE MUSIC MAJOR

- Oral Communication Skills
- Written Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Proficiency in Field of Study
- Demonstrated Teamwork
- Leadership Abilities
- Flexibility
- Analytical Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Decision-Making Abilities
- Initiative
- Goal Orientation
- Creativity
- Organizational Skills
- Presentation Skills
- Computer Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Performance Skills
- Music Technology

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Composer/Songwriter
- Choir Director
- Copywriter
- Editor
- Film Music Editor
- Instrumentalist/Singer
- Music Critic
- Music Executive
- Music Publisher
- Sales Representative
- Teacher
- Music Therapist
- Music Video Producer
- Music Software Programmer
- Sound Engineer
- Stage Manager
- Talent Agent
- Theatrical Agent
- Tour Coordinator
- Recording Director
- Transcriber
- Music Librarian
- Song Copyright and Licensing Administrator
- Marketing Director
- Human Resources Manager
- Record Producer
- Production Designer/Assistant
- Lawyer
- Creative Director
- Publicist
- Press Agent
- Booking Agent
- General Manager
- International Festival and Tour Promoter
- Instrument Technician
- Music Supervisor, TV/Film
- Journalist
- Station Manager
- Disk Jockey

** Some of the potential careers may require post graduate education*

**Taken from 100 Careers in the Music Business (Crouch) 2008*

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Government
- Record Labels
- Marketing Firms
- Artistic Management Firms
- Elementary/Secondary Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Advertising Agencies
- Concert Halls
- Publishing Companies
- Bookstores
- Fine Arts Theaters
- Journals and Magazines
- Radio and TV Stations
- Literary Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Instrument Manufacturers
- Private Studios
- Theater Companies
- Peace Corps
- TV/Radio Stations
- Travel and Tourism
- Religious Organizations
- Museums
- Recording Companies
- Libraries
- Music Retailers
- Production Companies

**Taken from <http://www.unca.edu/career/majorsheets/Music.pdf>*

TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN MUSIC

Artists, broadcasters, writers, editors, entertainers, public relations	12.2%
Teachers, secondary schools	10.3%
Teachers, elementary schools	10.0%
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	5.3%
Other management-related occupations	5.3%
Postsecondary Professors	5.1%
Sales occupations, including retail	5.0%
Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators	4.9%
Secretaries, receptionists, typists	4.2%
Other administrative (e.g., records clerk, telephone operators)	3.3%

POST GRADUATION ACTIVITES

- About 44% proceed to earn a post-graduate degree.
- About 60% of the master's degrees are earned in music.
- About 17% of the master's degrees are earned in the field of education.

**Taken from The College Majors Handbook (Fogg, Harrington, & Harrington) 2004*

RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (GSC 310)

- *Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to Your Perfect Career*
- *Keys to Liberal Arts Success*
- *Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates*
- *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Opportunities in Music Careers*
- *Career Opportunities in the Music Industry*
- *100 Careers in the Music Business*