



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 careers may require post graduate education*

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

TOP OCCUPATIONS

Artists, broadcasters, writers, editors, entertainers, public relations
Teachers, secondary schools
Teachers, elementary schools
Postsecondary Professors

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

American Musicological Society -<http://www.ams-net.org/>
American Music Therapy Association-<http://www.musictherapy.org/>
American Choral Directors Association-<http://acda.org/>
Artists House Music Association-<http://www.artistshousemusic.org/>

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