

MUSIC BUSINESS

What can I do with this major?

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AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES/INFORMATION

CREATIVE ROLES

Artist
Songwriter
Musician
Producer
Film and TV writer
Merchandise designer
Stylist
A&R (Artists and Repertoire) director
Music supervisor
Creative director/Music publisher

Music publishing firms
Talent agencies
Independent/Freelance work
Record labels
TV/Film production studios
Video game designers/Producers
Merchandising companies

Complete and excel in entertainment internships.
Volunteer for industry events and nonprofit benefits.
Take courses in communications, entrepreneurship, and others related to entertainment.
Get involved with campus student activity boards or student unions.
Conduct informational interviews with people in jobs of interest, and build a strong network of contacts.
Organize songwriting sessions with other students.
Join local entertainment organizations.
Practice your craft. Sing, write, and play as often as possible.
Study songs. Listen to a wide variety of genres.
Learn what makes a great song a great song.

TECHNICAL ROLES

Recording studio management
Audio engineer
Audio/Sound designer
Broadcast audio engineer
Record/Video/TV production crew
Stage design
Lighting design
Radio

Record labels
Recording studios
Audio equipment manufacturers/Dealers
TV/Film production studios
Video game designers/Producers
Independent/Freelance work
Audio/Video production companies

Complete and excel in entertainment internships.
Work for a campus or local radio station.
Gain experience by working at a local venue, recording studio, music festival, or by travelling with a tour.
Produce a local band or artist's record.
Get involved with campus student activity boards or student unions.
Work in an audio equipment rental/sales store to learn more about equipment and maintaining it.
Conduct informational interviews with people in jobs of interest, and build a strong network of contacts.
Join local entertainment organizations.

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DATA and BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Administration
Accounting/Finance/Royalty management
Copyright management
Music licensing
Entertainment law

Music publishing firms
Performance rights organizations (PROs)
Licensing firms
Business management companies
Entertainment law firms

Complete and excel in entertainment internships.
Volunteer for industry events and nonprofit benefits.
Take courses in marketing, accounting, finance, communications, entrepreneurship, public relations, management, and others related to entertainment.
Get involved with campus student activity boards or student unions.
Conduct informational interviews with people in jobs of interest, and build a strong network of contacts.
Join local entertainment organizations.
Master business software programs such as Excel.

MARKETING and PROMOTION

Radio/Concert promotion
Digital marketing/New media/Social media
Marketing
Public relations/Media relations
Music journalism
Event planning
Sales and distribution

Record labels
Music publishing firms
Performance rights organizations (PROs)
Artist management firms
Corporate marketing/advertising agencies
Independent/Freelance work
Media outlets

Complete and excel in entertainment internships.
Volunteer for industry events and nonprofit benefits.
Work for a campus or local radio station.
Take courses in marketing, public relations, and others related to entertainment.
Increase digital marketing and technology skills by taking additional courses in graphic design and web design.
Promote campus events online through digital marketing and social media.
Get involved with campus student activity boards or student unions.
Conduct informational interviews with people in jobs of interest, and build a strong network of contacts.
Join local entertainment organizations.
Acquire sales experience inside or outside of the industry.
Write blogs/articles/press releases for school publications, events, and student organizations.

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TOURING and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Booking agent
Concert promoter/Buyer
Venue management
Tour/Road management
Tour/Event marketing
Merchandise production/Sales
Event planning/Sponsorships/Festivals
Audio/Sound design
Stage design
Stage management
Lighting design

Booking agencies
Event management firms
Entertainment venues
Audio/Video production companies
Merchandising companies

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ARTIST MANAGEMENT

Artist development
Brand/Image development
Day-to-day manager
Radio promotions
Catalog management
Marketing
Publicity
Personal/Executive assistant

Music publishing firms
Artist management firms
Corporate marketing/Advertising agencies
Record labels

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