

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Music.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Academic Advisor
- Academic Dean
- Advertising Manager
- Arranger/Composer
- Artist Agent
- Artist/Vocalist
- Artistic Director
- Artist and Repertoire Administrator or Coordinator
- Arts Administrator
- Booking Agent
- Broadcast/Theater Technical Director
- Cabaret Entertainer
- Cantor
- Choral Director
- Church Musician
- Coach/Accompanist
- Composer
- Concert Promoter
- Conductor
- Music Director
- Music Specialist
- Digital Audio Editor
- Disk Jockey
- Ethno-Musicologist
- Event Music Consultant
- House/Stage Manager
- Instrument Maker
- Instrument Tuner/Technician
- Interpreter/Translator
- Jingle Writer
- Lyricist
- Media Production Specialist
- MIDI Pre-producer
- Multimedia Consultant, Developer or Specialist
- Music Critic
- Music Distributor or Retailer
- Music Historian
- Music Librarian
- Music Professor
- Music Publisher
- Music Teacher
- Music Therapist
- Composer/Arranger
- Musicologist
- Karaoke Host
- Orchestra/Opera Company Manager
- Orchestrator
- Musician/Performer
- Personal Manager
- President of Music or Film Studio
- Private Music Teacher
- Producer
- Production Designer
- Director/Set and Lighting Designer
- Program Director
- Promotion Manager
- Publicist
- Publicity Director
- Radio/Television Announcer
- Radio/Television Manager or Director
- Record Producer
- Recording Engineer
- Recording Mixer
- Recording Equipment Manufacturer's Rep.
- Road Manager
- Songwriter
- Sound Designer
- Sound Effects Technician
- Sound Engineer
- Staff Publicist
- Stage Director
- Stage Technician
- Studio Engineer
- Studio Manager/Owner
- Talent Agent
- Theater Manager
- Theater Producer
- Tour Coordinator
- Travel Agent
- Video Director
- Wedding Consultant

Possible Professional Settings:

- Armed Forces
- Art Galleries
- Bars or Casinos
- Churches/Synagogues
- Coffee Shops
- Colleges, Universities
- Concert Halls
- Cruise Ships
- Film Studios
- Home Studios
- Hospitals
- Instrument Repair Shop
- Music Stores
- Multimedia/Videogame/Motion Picture Companies
- Music Libraries
- Music Publishing
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Private Parties/Events
- Public School Systems
- Recording Companies
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Resorts/Theme Parks
- Advertising Agencies
- Government Agencies
- Historical Societies
- Museums
- Musical Instrument Companies
- Musical Theaters
- Radio/TV Stations
- Symphony/Orchestras

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.*

Websites Related to this Field

- Los Angeles Music Network: <http://www.lamn.com/>
- Musical Chairs: www.musicalchairs.info/jobs

Professional Associations - Samples

- American Federation of Musicians of the U.S. & Canada: www.afm.org
- American Music Therapy Association: www.musictherapy.org
- College Music Society: www.music.org
- International Alliance for Women in Music: www.iawm.org
- MENC: The National Association for Music Education: www.nafme.org
- Music Teachers National Association: www.mtna.org
- National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, Inc.: www.grammy.com
- National Association of Music Merchants: www.namm.org
- National Association of Teachers of Singing: www.nats.org

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- www.berklee.edu/careers/ career descriptions a variety of settings, a career planning timeline, and a listing of professional associations.
- <https://gov.texas.gov/music> The Texas Music Office provides internships to students and a multitude of information for those interested in the getting into the music industry.
- <http://www.musictherapy.org/> description of the field of music therapy, educational requirements, and work settings.
- <http://www.austinmusicfoundation.org/> career development and business education for musicians and internship opportunities.
- <https://spu.edu/administration/center-career-calling/prepare/finding-an-internship/internship-locations>

General Career Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetonline.org

SPU Resources

- Music Department Website: <https://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/music/undergraduate-majors/music>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx

* Websites are current as of August 2020. If any go inactive, please let us know.

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