



# WHAT can I do with a major in? Recording Industry

Career choice may or may not be closely related to the choice of undergraduate major. The following is a short list of ideas and resources to assist with career planning.

## Sample jobtitles

### Performance:

Songwriter/Lyricist  
Singer/Artist  
Composer  
Session Musician  
Radio Host/DJ  
Music Director  
Recording Engineer  
TV Music Writer

### Business:

Music/Record Producer  
Music Editor  
Music Journalist  
A&R Coordinator  
Song Plugger  
Personal Manager  
Tour Manager  
Music/Booking Agent  
Entertainment Attorney

Business Manager  
Talent Buyer  
Venue/Studio Manager  
Production Manager  
Licensing Coordinator/Rep  
Music Publisher  
Concert Promoter  
Marketing Coordinator

## Links to explore

MTSU Program: [www.mtsu.edu/recording-industry/](http://www.mtsu.edu/recording-industry/)

MTSU Organizations: <https://mtsu.edu/recording-industry/organizations.php>

### Career Descriptions & Info:

<https://www.careersinmusic.com/music-business-careers/> - music career information for both artists & biz

<http://www.musicbizacademy.com/knab/articles/careerplanning.htm> - info on career planning

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/entertainment-and-sports/music-directors-and-composers.htm> - Bureau of Labor Statistics info

<https://www.mynextmove.org/find/search?s=Music> – list of occupations in music linked to video and info

<http://www.makingitwithchrisg.com/blog/careerinmusic> - huge list of music industry companies divided by category listed at bottom

### Job Search

Nashville Music Biz Jobs: <https://www.yepnashville.com/yep-job-board>

Entertainment Careers - <https://www.entertainmentcareers.net/music-jobs/>

Digital Music News - <https://www.digitalmusicnews.com/jobs/>

Music Business Worldwide - <https://www.musicbusinessworldwide.com/jobs>

Fun Jobs at Music Festivals - <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/fun-jobs-at-music-festivals-2059655>

Music Jobs - <https://www.music-jobs.com/usa/jobtypes/job-descriptions.php> - subscription based platform

[Freelance/Gig Websites](#) listed in this blog

### Professional Organizations

Recording Industry Association of America: <https://www.riaa.com/>

National Association of Recording Industry Professionals: <https://www.narip.com/>

Music Business Association: <https://musicbiz.org/>

National Association of Music Merchants: <https://www.namm.org/>

Other Resources:

- Bobnet.rocks (touring job database with “young guns” section for those with little touring experience, does require paid subscription of \$25 per year and submission of resume)
  - Music Biz Gigs FB Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/musicbizgigs.nashville/>
  - YEP! Nashville (Young Entertainment Professionals) <https://www.yepnashville.com/> (FB group is most effective for job searching) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/yepnashville/>
  - Musicrow.com (Music Row magazine, Nashville music business news)
  - Billboard.com (Billboard Bulletin, Billboard Magazine, up to date national industry news)
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- Musician’s Page job board: <https://www.musicianspage.com/jobs/>
  - Music Mates: <http://www.musicmates.com/>
  - Band Mix: <https://www.bandmix.com/>
  - National Assoc. for Music Education: <http://www.nafme.org/jobs/>
  - Assoc. of Performing Arts Professionals: <https://jobbank.apap365.org/jobs/> (many teaching & faculty jobs)