



CAREERS IN MUSIC: FIND YOUR OWN RHYTHM

A music degree opens far more doors than performing or teaching. From production and arts management to sound design, recording, and composing for media — your skills can take you in many directions.

The best time to explore those paths is now, while you're surrounded by opportunities at UofSC. Attend workshops, join ensembles, volunteer at local performances, and connect with alumni who work in the industry. Every conversation and experience helps you shape your next move.

If you'd like help finding opportunities or narrowing your focus, schedule a chat with your Career Development Coach through Handshake.

EXPLORE CAREER PATHS

- [What Can I Do with This Major?](#) – Log in with your USC email for free access to explore music-related career paths.
- [Careers in Music](#) – Industry insights, salary data, and job descriptions across performance, production, and management.
- [American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers \(ASCAP\)](#) – Rights, royalties, and professional connections for songwriters and composers.
- [American Federation of Musicians \(AFM\)](#) – Union and career resources for professional performers.

BEYOND THE STAGE

- **Media and Film** – Sound design, scoring, editing, and production.
- **Technology** – Audio engineering, live sound, or software development for music tools.
- **Arts Administration** – Event coordination, marketing, or nonprofit management.
- **Education and Community Work** – Teaching, directing, or running youth and outreach programs.

BUILD EXPERIENCE

- Collaborate with peers across departments — film, theater, and media students often need musicians.
- Explore internships or part-time roles in recording studios, radio stations, or event venues.
- Share your work online to start building a professional presence.