Program Scope and Objectives
The Music/Recording Industry program is designed for students who want to learn more about the music business and audio recording industry through a structured program of study. Musicians, producers, engineers, lawyers, agents, promoters, managers, and entertainment writers can all benefit from MRI courses. The program integrates technical skills in recording, business, and legal aspects, along with production and distribution elements, to provide foundations in the music business and audio engineering fields.

Faculty
Program faculty are selected for their expertise in the technical or business aspects of the music/recording industry and for their outstanding teaching ability.

Career Outlook
The Music/Recording Industry Certificate is designed both for the student who wants an overall basic education in the business of music/audio recording and for the professional who is seeking to broaden an area of expertise. Course work in the program may be applied toward the certificate or individual classes may be taken to learn or update skills. Students may choose to pursue an audio engineering or a business emphasis or apply the academic credit earned in this program towards a degree in related subject areas. Job categories include artist management, professional songwriter, record producer, audio engineer, sound designer, music publicist, music marketing, music journalist, talent producer, agent, record promotion, record distribution, studio manager, music publishing, concert production and booking, legal affairs, and tour management.

Certificate in Music/Recording Industry (MRI)

Admission to Program
To be admitted to the certificate program, students should have completed 60 units of prior academic college credit or have sufficient experience to demonstrate they can perform upper-division work.
Students who do not have 60 units may be accepted on a conditional basis and are encouraged to apply. Students may enroll in up to nine units before applying to a certificate program.

Writing Skills
The certificate program’s course content requires good writing skills. Certificate students are asked to demonstrate their writing ability soon after admission to the certificate program to satisfy the university literacy requirement. Those who do not have the necessary writing skills are referred to a course offered regularly through the continuing education program: ENG 414.