

**RAPPER IDK & NO LABEL ANNOUNCE NO LABEL ACADEMY
MUSIC BUSINESS CURRICULUM CONFIRMED FOR 2021 AT
HARVARD UNIVERSITY**



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December 2, 2020 (Los Angeles, CA) – It is with great excitement today that **No Label** and rapper/producer/visionary **IDK** announce the creation of **No Label Academy**, a music business course that will revolutionize creative education. For the inaugural launch, No Label and IDK are constructing an immersive ten-day course convening primarily BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) students from around the country at Harvard’s campus to learn the ins and outs of the music business. Focusing on mental health issues to financial literacy, to creative innovation, they are teaching the music business in a way it has never been taught before. *Rolling Stone* exclusively announced the news [HERE](#).

Co-founded in 2018 by Marcelo HD and Miles Weddle, No Label uses pop culture to make knowledge more accessible to everyone. The organization pairs familiar faces with experts to explore real-world problems, presenting information in engaging new formats that foster meaningful conversations. Over the past two years, No Label has worked with Travis Scott, Bad Bunny, Saweetie, Cordae, and many other pop culture figures. They've explored a myriad of topics including criminal justice reform, creative activism, bridging the generational gap, and entrepreneurship in hip-hop.

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The idea for No Label Academy came about in February 2020 after IDK spoke about criminal justice reform at a No Label event at Harvard. Frustrated by how inaccessible music business education and academia are to many creatives, IDK and No Label's co-founders Marcelo HD and Miles Weddle theorized how they could create something that would reimagine creativity in the context of education. Developing their ideas over the past few months, they decided to create a course that would teach students essential skills that too often get swept under the rug in today's environment. Some of these skills include managing mental health, overseeing a team, and cultivating a strong understanding of financial literacy.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with IDK to create No Label Academy," shared Marcelo HD and Miles Weddle. "At the core of No Label is the idea that education should empower individuals to break down societal labels and barriers. So often, creators are discouraged from pursuing a career in the arts because it is either deemed too risky or not lucrative enough, ultimately depriving the world of their creative potential. We believe No Label Academy's innovative curriculum will equip the next generation with creative inspiration and the business acumen they need to make their dreams in the arts a reality."

No Label and IDK's ultimate goal is to show that it is possible to have a sustainable career in music and create a more equitable pipeline for BIPOC students into the music industry. They will be announcing more details about their selective application process in 2021.



IDK, Marcelo HD, and Miles Weddle with friends after a conversation on Criminal Justice Reform at Harvard.

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ABOUT IDK

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ABOUT NO LABEL

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