Prospective Undergraduate Students

Students interested in majoring in music at the University of Delaware should first apply to the University, and then audition on a primary instrument or voice for the appropriate applied faculty at one of the Music Department’s advertised Audition Days. Audition requirements for each instrument/voice, application deadlines, audition dates, and Audition Request Forms may be found on the Department of Music website. Prior to their Audition Day, applicants are also required to complete an Online Music Theory Placement Test, designed to assess a student’s level of preparedness for the undergraduate music theory curriculum. Students who fail the Online Music Theory Placement Test will be requirement to successfully complete the Fundamentals of Music Review course before enrolling in Harmony I.

In addition to the performance audition, interviews will be held for those wishing to major in Music Education, Composition, Music History and Literature, and Music Theory. Pianists and guitarists interested in the Music Education program must also audition on a secondary band or orchestra instrument or on voice on their Audition Day. Those interested in majoring in Composition must audition on their primary instrument and submit samples of their compositions to be evaluated at an interview with the Composition faculty.

Each accepted major will be assigned an advisor according to their degree program and primary instrument. All accepted students must enroll in private study in their first semester.

Scholarship Program Policies (for Incoming Undergraduate Freshmen Only)

The objectives of the Department of Music Scholarship Program are to encourage talented potential music majors to attend the University and provide these students with partial financial support while attending the University as a music major.

Scholarships are awarded based on an applicant’s demonstrated musical proficiency as well as on Departmental needs for ensemble balance. Awards are assigned by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in consultation with the Department of Music and are allocated based on a combined assessment of an applicant’s musical and academic abilities. Music scholarships are not offered to non-music majors or transfer applicants.

Prospective students who audition for a major in music during one of the designated Audition Days are automatically considered for music scholarships. Incoming freshmen scholarship recipients are notified of their awards at the time of their Admissions decision.

Continuation of scholarship is determined by an evaluation of the student’s academic standing. Overall cumulative grade point average must be 2.75 or higher, with a music-course grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and courses must be taken in a timely fashion as a full-time student. Recipients of music scholarships, who have not successfully fulfilled the minimum academic requirement for continuation of their award, are notified of scholarship termination by Student Financial Services after term grades are reported.

Undergraduate Admission/Re-Admission Policies

Any student who is absent from the Department of Music and/or the University of Delaware for two or more consecutive semesters must re-audition and be accepted back into a music degree program.

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