

# Music Performance - Composition and Theory, BM

All music majors must complete a successful [audition](#) and [apply](#) to the Composition and Theory program.

## Placement Exams for the Major:

1. MAT 1010 will fulfill the math requirement for this major. You can register for MAT 1010 regardless of your SAT/ACT score and you do not need the Math Placement Test. Consult with your academic advisor if you want to consider a higher level math course for any reason.

If you have already been **accepted** into the [Hayes School of Music](#), your 1st semester schedule will be built for you.

For all students who **intend** to major in Music but who have not yet successfully [auditioned](#), here are recommended courses:

1. RC 1000 or UCO 1200 if there are seats available. If not, it's fine to take both classes in the spring semester.
2. Enroll in MUS 2618 (Intercultural Literacy ICL/FA)
3. Enroll in MAT 1010 (see Math Placement note above)
4. Enroll in a **Wellness Literacy** course - MUS 2054, Alexander technique completes this general education requirement.
5. Enroll in 1 hr Ensemble: possibly [MUS 1100 - Marching Band](#), [MUS 1104 - Jazz Ensemble](#), [MUS 1107 - Small Ensembles](#), [MUS 1109 - Appalachian Chorale \(no audition required\)](#), [MUS 1111 - ASU Glee Club](#), [MUS 1110 - Treble Choir](#) or [MUS 1108 - University Singers](#), [MUS 1117 - Gospel Choir \(no audition required\)](#)

**Students who are not admitted to the Hayes School of Music should review the [Preliminary Information for Students Considering Music](#) document as well.**

## Alternative Courses for Your First Semester:

Can't get into the classes above? Try these:

- MUS 1000 (Elements of Music Theory, not required but may help prospective students prepare for program admission).
- [Foundations of American Democracy](#) course
- SS (Social Science) designation.
- LS (Literary Studies) designation \*note that ENG courses require RC 1000 as a prerequisite.
- Science of your choosing (Exploring Science is encouraged by the School of Music). Must have math prerequisites.
  - [PHY 1812 - Acoustics and Harmonics \(4\)](#) Fall only
  - [PHY 1814 - Sound and Recording \(4\)](#) Spring only

**\*Note:** Admitted Music students will be required to take MUS 2617 which have the (HS) designation you need.

## Having trouble registering?

- Review the [Student Self-Service Guide](#) for Registration instructions and videos.
- If the courses above are closed, [add yourself to waitlists](#).
- Then add appropriate classes from page 2 of the [2025-2026 Checksheet](#) until you have registered for 12-15 total hours.
- Use the [Gen Ed Requirements in the Bulletin](#) to look up Gen Ed course descriptions.
- Use this [Course Prefixes/Subjects list](#) to know which subject to choose in the Class Search in AppalNet.
- Rewatch the [Gen Ed video in PREP](#) to better understand the Categories and Designations components of Gen Ed.
  - All English Literary Studies: ENG xxxx (LS) designation courses have a prerequisite of R C 1000, First Year Writing (R C = Rhetoric & Composition.)
- BOONE CAMPUS students: Here is a [color-coded 2-page General Education checksheet](#) (updated 3x/day) that shows which Boone Campus Gen Ed classes have open seats.

## Have you built a 14-16 hour schedule using the classes above?

Are you looking for a class to help you build your skills to be successful in college and help you adjust to college life? Check out these elective courses: [College Success Seminar](#) and [Academic Success Courses](#).

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