Admission requirements
Students must pass an audition prior to beginning music program. For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for MUSI 2301 which is open to all students.

General Requirements
All full-time (12 semester hours or more) students seeking the BM (EC–22) TEACHER CERTIFICATION are required to adhere to the following policies and procedures:

1) Register for and participate in their prescribed major ensemble until degree requirements have been successfully completed.
2) Register for applied music until degree requirements have been successfully completed (including recital requirements).
3) Register for and pass three semester hours of class piano.
4) Perform in at least one public recital per semester.
5) Fulfill all solo recital requirements as prescribed.
6) Make a grade of "C" or better in every music course taken toward the degree.

In sequential music courses, a grade of "C" must be made in order to progress to the next music course in the sequence.

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Degree Info
This degree is designed to train students for careers in the professional world of music performance or who wish to pursue a graduate degree in music.

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Piano EC-12th Teacher Certification
Catalog: 2018-19
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FOURTH YEAR
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2018-2019 ACADEMIC PLAN
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<td>- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!</td>
<td>- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speaking, reading, and writing.</td>
<td>- Visit the School of Music website for information on music education majors.</td>
<td>- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!</td>
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<td>- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.</td>
<td>- Attend the first Recital Lab of the Semester. Signs will be posted in the School of Music with time and location.</td>
<td>- Help track of the classes you have taken each semester.</td>
<td>- The Writing Center can help you with your research projects for classes such as Music History and Literature.</td>
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<td>- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your class.</td>
<td>- Visit the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.</td>
<td>- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.</td>
<td>- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.</td>
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<td>- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.</td>
<td>- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Emergency Loans Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available.</td>
<td>- Complete 6 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.</td>
<td>- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.</td>
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**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Join a student organization! Consider visiting the VLink [utr.edu/vlink] for options.
- Look for a service-learning course. For guidance, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.
- Perform every chance you get. Performing is the key to mastery in music.
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through MyUTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Join a student organization! Consider visiting the VLink [utr.edu/vlink] for options.
- Visit your Applied lesson professor during their office hours for advising before registering for the next semester.
- Before Student Teaching make sure to apply to the College of Education.
- The Writing Center can help you with your research projects for classes such as Music History and Literature.
- Visit the School of Music student handbook listed under student resources on the School of Music website.
- Check out the School of Music website for information on music education majors.
- Check out the online fundamentals in the summer. For more information, contact Dr. Rachel Mitchell or Dr. Justin Writer.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.8. |

**CAREERS**

- Teaching Research
- Private lessons
- K-12 schools, public and private
- Colleges and universities
- Conservatories
- Daycare centers
- Recreation centers
- Children’s music programs: franchises, local
- Studios
- Self-employed (private instructor)

**ADVICE & SUPPORT**

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Europe.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps the Percussion or Flute club or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch and join a friend!
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative work at the Engaged Scholar Symposium! Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger.
- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.
- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at a music conference.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.
- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, or on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.
- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network! Talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.