Admission requirements

Students must pass an audition prior to beginning the music program.

General Requirements

All full-time (12 semester hours or more) students seeking the BM degree in Music 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.

Performance (BM)

*Guitar
Catalog: 2019-20

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.
**FIRST YEAR**
- Check out the School of Music website for information on ensembles.
- Be sure to take Music Theory I-II during your first year.
- Be sure to take Sight Singing I-II during your first year.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.8.
- Be sure to Take Applied Lessons and Ensemble beginning in your first year.
- Remember the prerequisite for Music Theory I is to complete the online fundamentals in the summer. For more information, contact Dr. Rachel Mitchell or Dr. Justin Writer.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Visit your applied lesson professor during their office hours for advising before registering for the next semester.
- The Writing Center can help you with your research projects for classes such as Music History and Literature.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as TMEA.
- Attend the first Recital Lab of the Semester. Signs will be posted in the School of Music with time and location.
- Check out the School of Music student handbook listed under student resources on the School of Music website.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Be sure to prepare for all recital requirements in your degree.
- “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school or fulltime employment.

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**MILESTONES**
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your course.
- Cold or Flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

**ADVICE & SUPPORT**
- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available.

**APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**
- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit 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 visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- 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-bring a friend!

**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake website. (MyUTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger - locate and attend one student workshop.

**CAREERS**
- Orchestra:
  - Philharmonic
  - Symphony
  - Chamber
- Armed Forces bands and orchestras
- Small ensembles
- Rock or jazz groups
- Dance bands
- Concert soloist
- Clubs and restaurants
- Church choirs
- Community choral groups
- Opera companies
- Musical theaters
- Ballet productions
- Recording industry
- Radio, television, and motion picture industries
- Cruise lines
- Amusement parks

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, VISIT THE CARRER CENTER WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT "WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?"**

*www.utrgv.edu/careercenter*