Admission requirements
Students must pass an audition prior to beginning 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.
**BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES**

### MILESTONES

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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 group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.
- 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 My.UTRGV.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](http://utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- 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.
- Get involved! Consider attending the Student Recreation Center or visit VLink for options.
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger after registering.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- 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.
- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
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**THIRD 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.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your research projects.
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**FOURTH YEAR**
- Visit 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. Kim Writer.
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your research projects.
- Continue to present research or creative works at the School of Music website.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- 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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### CAREERS

- Orchestras:
  - 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

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://utrgv.edu/careercenter)