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## PROSPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Is an audition required for admission into the MTSU School of Music?

- **YES**, an audition is required for admission into the School of Music as a music major, music minor, or to take private lessons.
- All applicants must also be academically admitted to MTSU through the university's application process.

### What is involved in the audition process and when do auditions take place?

- **Auditions for the 2018-2019 academic year are SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018, and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018.**
- Complete the online School of Music application at the "Admissions and Scholarships" link at [mtsumusic.com](http://mtsumusic.com) and choose the audition date that best suits your schedule. Questions/assistance: 615.898.2469 or 615.898.5924, or contact the appropriate faculty member.
- Audition requirements for each instrument or area are located at the "Admissions and Scholarships" link, lower on the page.
- Applicants should contact the instrument or voice instructor or area coordinator for more audition information, or to arrange for a private lesson/coaching. Our faculty are happy to meet with applicants in advance of auditions at no charge. For faculty information visit the "Faculty by Field of Study" link at [mtsumusic.com](http://mtsumusic.com).
- Students who are absolutely unable to audition in person may submit a video recording or provide Drop Box or YouTube links of appropriate performances with prior consent of the appropriate faculty or the director of the School of Music.
- Music Education, Music Industry, and Theory-Composition applicants may be interviewed by faculty on audition days as well.
- All freshman applicants must complete the Music Theory Placement Examination, which is given on audition days. This exam does not affect your admission as a major or minor; it helps our faculty to place you in the proper courses during registration.
- Transfer students who have completed music theory courses are advised as to which level they should begin at MTSU.
- All applicants must have at least two letters of recommendation submitted by individuals very familiar with their musicianship via the on-line form: [mtsu.edu/music/pdf/mtsusomrecommendationform.pdf](http://mtsu.edu/music/pdf/mtsusomrecommendationform.pdf)
- All applicants are notified by mail as soon as possible as to the results of their audition for the School of Music.

### If I am interested in Theory-Composition as a major, do I need to submit a portfolio?

- It is highly recommended that Theory-Composition applicants submit scores and recordings of their works.

### Are scholarships available and how am I considered?

- Music scholarships, based on auditions for the appropriate faculty, are available for all instruments and voice parts.
- All auditioning students are considered for music scholarships; no separate music scholarship application is required.
- MTSU requires completion and submission of the FAFSA for full consideration of financial aid packages and merit awards.
- Students must be academically admitted to MTSU before a music scholarship may be offered.
- Music scholarship offers are provided to students as quickly as possible after the conclusion of all of our audition dates.
- Out-of-state students may qualify for one of three tuition assistance programs, each of which require acceptance to the School of Music and academic admission to MTSU with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average and a 25 on the ACT.
- As a member of the National Association of Schools of Music, MTSU abides by a May 1 national scholarship acceptance deadline.
- The application deadline for many MTSU academic awards is **December 1**, including automatic annual scholarships of up to \$5000: [mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships](http://mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships)

### What programs of study do you offer and how long does it take to complete an undergraduate degree in music?

- Programs include: Music Education (vocal and instrumental), Performance (classical and jazz), Music Industry, and Theory-Composition.
- For an introduction to our music degrees, please visit [mtsu.edu/music/pdf/degreebrochure.pdf](http://mtsu.edu/music/pdf/degreebrochure.pdf)
- All of our undergraduate degrees in music are designed to be completed in four years/eight semesters.
- Undergraduate students seeking to complete a double major may need to enroll for a fifth year.
- Undergraduate degrees require a minimum of 120 semester credits to be completed over the course of residency.
- Academic advising and passing all courses in sequence is crucial for students to stay on track toward graduation.
- Transfer students may take two or more years to graduate, depending on the number of completed credits and MTSU requirements.

### What options do I have if I am not accepted as a music major?

- You may be accepted as a music minor, which means that you would select another field as your major.
- You may be admitted to private instruction, or approved for ensemble participation, but advised to select another major.
- After completion of one or two semesters of private instruction at MTSU, you may re-audition to be a music major or music minor.

### **May I participate in an ensemble if I am not a music major or minor? When do ensemble auditions take place?**

- **YES!** All School of Music ensembles are open to MTSU students for participation regardless of academic major.
- Most ensembles require an audition, which takes place at the beginning of each semester.
- Ensemble audition requirements and dates are posted in the music building, available from directors, or on our website before each semester, [mtsumusic.com](http://mtsumusic.com).
- A printable description of ensembles Information on our ensembles is at [mtsu.edu/music/pdf/ensemblebrochure.pdf](http://mtsu.edu/music/pdf/ensemblebrochure.pdf)

### **Are internship and international study opportunities available? How are they arranged?**

- The Music Industry degree includes an internship that is arranged in consultation with faculty to take place in the senior year.
- Music Education majors complete Residency I and II (Student Teaching) internships as part of the degree.
- Music Education majors also complete observations of classes and ensembles in public/private schools as part of their studies.
- Other music majors may request an internship in a particular interest area by meeting with the Director of the School of Music.
- MTSU has numerous partnerships with universities globally and music majors are encouraged to participate in study-abroad programs with earned credits counting toward degree requirements. For more information: [mtsu.edu/financial-aid/study-abroad.php](http://mtsu.edu/financial-aid/study-abroad.php)

### **May I visit MTSU School of Music classes, ensemble rehearsals, and attend concerts? How do I arrange this?**

- Interested students are urged to contact the School of Music office (615.898.2469 or 898.5924) or the specific instructor or ensemble director to arrange for a lesson, campus tour, class or ensemble visitation, and so forth.
- Here is a link to the music faculty roster: [mtsu.edu/music/pdf/facultybyarea.pdf](http://mtsu.edu/music/pdf/facultybyarea.pdf)
- Students are always welcomed to attend one or more of our many concerts, most of which are free of charge.
- For up-to-date event information visit the "Concert Calendar" link: [mtsu.edu/music/calendar.php](http://mtsu.edu/music/calendar.php)

### **How diverse is the student population at MTSU?**

- While the majority of MTSU students are from Tennessee, the university enrolls students from approximately ninety foreign countries and numerous states. The School of Music is home to a highly diverse and multi-racial population of students.

### **What is your career placement rate? Where do MTSU music students find employment?**

- Our alumni teach thousands of students every day in private studios and schools from the kindergarten through university levels. They perform in orchestras, military ensembles and opera companies, appear in clubs and recording studios with the famous and yet-to-be-known, compose music for films and commercial jingles, lead professional music organizations, work in the music industry, serve as church musicians, and continually enrich the lives of others through music as their calling.
- More than 95% of our Music Education majors find full-time employment as teachers post-graduation at schools across the nation.
- Students majoring in Music Industry and Jazz Studies have a very high rate of success in developing careers in music production, music retail, publishing, and performance in a variety of styles, genres, and ensembles.
- Theory-Composition majors often continue with graduate study to prepare for college teaching appointments or writing for professional ensembles of every style or genre.
- Performance graduates have a very high rate of acceptance and success at prestigious graduate programs at schools across the nation and as members of professional orchestras, touring ensembles, recording studio groups, and military ensembles.

### **Are there additional fees associated with music classes?**

- All private lessons require an applied music fee, which is assessed per semester depending on the number of credits.
- Music Education majors pay a small fee for methods classes in woodwinds, strings, brass, and percussion instruments.

### **Are there special housing options available for music majors?**

- MTSU music majors, freshmen-seniors, have the option of participating in the "Music at Monahan" a co-educational living-learning learning community. This includes on-site class instruction, practice rooms, chamber music concerts, attendance at special events and field trips, mentoring by a resident full-time music faculty member, and opportunities to interact with visiting artists.

### **Is there space for instrument storage in the music building?**

- Lockers are available in the music building for storage, provided the student is a music major or minor, taking private instruction or a member of a School of Music ensemble. No rental fee is assessed, but all students are required to use a "green" lock at a cost of \$10. This lock belongs to the student and can be used for the duration of the student's education at MTSU.

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