

# Suggestions for Pre-Music Majors

University policy states that students must select and declare a major by the time they have 60 earned BYU credit hours (excluding language exam credits). Once a student has 75 earned BYU credit hours (excluding exam credits), they will not be allowed to change their major, unless special permission is granted.

Since pre-music is not a viable major for graduation, students must apply, audition, and be accepted to the School of Music before they have reached 60 earned BYU credit hours (excluding exam credits).

To apply and audition for the School of Music: application and audition information is located at <https://music.byu.edu/admissions/undergraduate>, or in the School of Music Office at 3209 MB (801-422-8903). Please note that students may only apply for one emphasis/instrument.

Upon acceptance, students may have the option of taking first year theory core (Music 193-198) during Spring and Summer so they can begin second year theory core (Music 293-298) and lessons in the Fall and Winter. Contact the School of Music office at 801-422-8903 or the Fine Arts & Communications Advisement Center at 801-422-3777 for further information.

## Suggested Courses for Fall and Winter semesters:

### *Fall of Freshman Year consider taking:*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Civ 1 GE	3.0
Music 100: (Music Fund.)	2.0
Music 160R (Perf. Instr.)	1.0
Approved Ensemble	1.0
Biol 100 or Phy S 100	3.0
Wrtg 150 or A Htg 100	3.0
Religion Cornerstone Course	2.0

**Total hours 15.0**

### *Winter of Freshman Year consider taking:*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Civ 2 GE	3.0
Music 113 (Basic Piano)	2.0
Music 176 (Careers in Ed.)	1.0
Approved Ensemble	1.0
Biol 100 or Phy S 100	3.0
A Htg 100 or Wrtg 150	3.0
Religion Cornerstone Course	2.0

**Total hours 15.0**

### Course Descriptions of Suggested Courses for Pre-Music Majors

Note: These music courses (and most other music courses) can count toward the music minor.

- The History of Civilization courses fill the Civilization requirement for the University Core.
- Music 100 Music Fundamentals helps students prepare for required theory and aural skills courses within the major.
- Music 160R Private Instruction helps students prepare for the audition.
- Approved Ensembles may count toward the major before you are accepted.
- Music 113 Basic Piano Skills helps students with basic music skills, and prepares them for required piano courses within the major.
- Music 176 Careers in Music Education is required for students applying to Music Education programs.

For specific recommendations based on your desired program in the School of Music, please email [randa\\_alvord@byu.edu](mailto:randa_alvord@byu.edu) (please include your student ID number), or call the Fine Arts & Communications Advisement Center at (801) 422-3777.

## **Approved Ensembles for the Music Major**

Please see the program requirements of your chosen major for specific details on this important requirement. All ensembles are by audition only. Please call the School of Music at (801) 422-8903 for audition information.

### **Category 1: Approved Large Ensembles:**

Music 312R – Men's Chorus  
Music 313R – Women's Chorus  
Music 314R – Concert Choir  
Music 315R – University Singers  
Music 325R – Symphonic Band  
Music 326R – Wind Symphony  
Music 337R – Symphony Orchestra  
Music 338R – Philharmonic Orchestra

### **Category 2: Other Approved Ensembles:**

Music 316R – Opera Workshop  
– Opera Ensemble  
Music 317R  
Music 319R – Baroque Ensemble  
Music 323R – Marching Band  
Music 327R – Percussion Chamber Music  
Music 330R – Steel Band  
Music 331R – Jazz Combos  
Music 333R – Vocal Jazz Ensemble  
Music 333R – Jazz Ensemble (big band)  
Music 334R – Synthesis  
Music 335R – Jazz Legacy Band  
Music 336R – Balinese Gamelan  
Music 339R – Chamber Orchestra  
Music 341R – Brass Chamber Music  
Music 343R – Guitar Ensemble  
Music 344R – Keyboard in Ensemble  
Music 345R – Percussion Ensemble  
Music 346R – String Chamber Music  
Music 348R – Woodwind Chamber Music  
Music 441R – New Music Ensemble