

Undergraduate Placement Exams

We are looking forward to your attending George Mason University. We have an outstanding faculty which is dedicated to providing you with challenging, comprehensive, and rewarding educational experiences. Our goal is to assist you in developing your musical and academic skills to their highest potential.

The next scheduled testing date will be Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the following times:

Ear Training	9:30 am	Performing Arts Building	Rm. 327C
Sight Singing	10:00 am	Performing Arts Building	Rm. 334
*Keyboard Skills	10:00 am	Performing Arts Building	Rm. 332

All transfer students who wish to apply credits toward the major in music in Keyboard Skills (including keyboard harmony) and Sight Singing/Ear Training must pass placement tests in these subjects. If you have taken any of these courses at other colleges or universities, you should plan on taking the placement tests. For those tests you do not pass, you will need to repeat those courses at Mason.

The Ear Training test will be administered to students as a group while the Sight Singing and Keyboard Skills tests will be given individually. Students taking the Keyboard Skills III test need to get a copy of the test on Friday, August 25th, from the School of Music (703) 993-1380); each student taking this test will be given a period no longer than 24 hours during which time they must prepare the specific exercises listed on the test. Information regarding the content of the various tests is enclosed. **Please be sure to bring the copy of the test you pick up on Friday with you to the test on Saturday.**

Freshman students who have not had any of the above-mentioned courses but feel they have competence in any of the above-named areas may wish to take the placement tests in order to receive “credit-by-examination.”

Students who have taken a one-year high school theory course or who have had other substantial study in theory and harmony may take a placement test in order to receive “credit-by-examination” for Theory. Newly entering transfer students are highly encouraged to take the theory placement test. This test will be given at the following time on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

Theory (Written Harmony) 8:30 am Performing Arts Bldg. Rm. 327C

Please call the School of Music if you have any questions or concerns (703) 993-1380. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

* NOTE: Students accepted into one of Mason’s music degree programs as piano, organ, or harpsichord majors need not take the Keyboard Skills I & II tests. However, these students must substitute Techniques of Accompanying I & II for Keyboard Skills I & II and must take Keyboard Skills III or pass it through “credit-by-examination.”