

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. Most music courses require acceptance as a music major before registering.

For pre-majors preparing to apply, the following schedule is recommended:

Fall of Freshman Year consider taking:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Music 100 -Music Fund.	2.0
Music 160R -Perf. Instr.	1.0
Approved Ensemble	1.0
UNIV 101	2.0
CIV 1 GE	3.0
WRTG 150 or A HTG 100	3.0
Religion Cornerstone	2.0
TOTAL HOURS	14.0

Winter of Freshman Year consider taking:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Music 113 -Piano	2.0
Music 176 -Careers in Music Ed	1.0
Approved Ensemble	1.0
CIV 2 GE	3.0
WRTG 150 or A HTG 100	3.0
BIO 100 or PHY S 100	3.0
Religion Cornerstone	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.

- 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 in January.
- Approved Ensembles may count toward the major before you are accepted. Please see the Music MAP at catalog.byu.edu/departments/1180/overview of your chosen major for specific details on this important requirement. For audition information please see music.byu.edu/ensemble-auditions
- 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 program.

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