

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MUSIC MAJORS

1. Music is a skill that takes time to develop. Anyone considering a major in music should begin studying applied music and participating in music performing groups as soon as possible.
 - a. The Hunter College Choir (MUSPF 221) is open to all students and strongly recommended for all pre-majors and majors.
 - b. Prospective majors who have not previously studied piano should take Piano 1 (MUSPF 213, not to be confused with Elementary Piano, MUSPF 131) if they read music or have taken Music Theory Fundamentals (MUSTH 101). In some cases, Piano 1 may be taken concurrently with Music Theory Fundamentals. For students who are not declared majors, it requires permission of the Music Department Adviser.
 - c. Voice 1 (MUSPF 211), not to be confused with Elementary Voice (MUSPF 111), is also strongly recommended for pre-majors. It requires permission of the Music Department Adviser for students who are not declared majors.
 - d. Other performing groups, which are open to students who play an instrument, are likewise highly recommended.
2. Students must take an exam covering basic music notation and theory (scales, key signatures, intervals, and rhythmic notation), sight singing/ear training, music history, and a performance audition before beginning major courses. Those who do not have the required knowledge and skills must take MUSTH 101 (Music Theory Fundamentals), MUSHL 101 (1000 Years Of Listening), and class lessons in piano (MUSPF 213-214) or voice (MUSPF 211-212) or private lessons at their own expense, before beginning courses in the corresponding areas of the major.
3. The music major requires four consecutive semesters of courses in music theory, musicianship and music history. All sequences begin in the fall. Prospective majors must plan their programs so that they are prepared to begin major courses in a fall semester at least two years before they plan to graduate. It is preferable to begin some major courses (especially Music Theory 1, MUSTH 220) three years before graduation to allow time in the senior year for advanced electives.
4. Students who are considering a major in music should consult the Music Department's Undergraduate Adviser as soon as possible, so that their college curriculum can be planned in the most effective way for their personal needs.

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