Music Theory and Aural Training Diagnostic Test Information

All students registered for MUS 1501 or MUS 0541 will take a diagnostic exam on the first day of classes. Results of this test will determine placement in either Music Theory Rudiments (MUS 0541) or Comprehensive Musicianship I (MUS 1501).

Music Theory Rudiments (MUS 0541) Music Theory/Aural Training Goals	In order to place into Comprehensive Musicianship I (MUS 1501), students need to demonstrate adequate knowledge of
Music Theory Rudiments (includes Aural Skills)	Music Theory Diagnostic Test:
Music Theory:	I. Pitch. Notate pitches in their correct octave in treble and bass
Notation and Identification of Pitch and Duration, Simple and	clef.
Compound Meters, Major and Minor Scales and Keys (Key	II. Duration. Re-notate rhythm according to the time signature,
Signatures), and Harmonic and Melodic Intervals (simple and	beaming notes according to a specific meter.
compound), Triads and Seventh Chords (in root position and	III. Scales. Notate scales using accidentals, NOT key signatures.
inversions) in isolation and in a diatonic context.	IV. Keys. Notate key signatures.
	V. Intervals. Notate intervals.
	VI. Triads. Notate triads.
Aural Skills:	
Singing and Recognizing Rhythms and Major and Minor Melodies in	Aural Training Diagnostic Test:
Simple and Compound Meters, Melodic and Harmonic Intervals	I. Intervals. Identify the size and quality of intervals (3 * played
(simple and compound), Triads and Seventh Chords.	harmonically and melodically).
	II. Triads. Identify quality of the triads (3 * played harmonically and
	melodically).
	II. Rhythm. Notate short rhythms (4 * played).
	IV. Melody. Notate short melodies (5 * played).

Take the Sample Diagnostic Exam to assess your skill level, a good place for practicing most of the concepts listed above is: <u>http://www.musictheory.net/</u>

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