

Music Department Audition Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in applying for a music audition! This document explains the audition process and informs you of what to prepare ahead of time.

The purpose of the music audition is two-fold:

1. as an entrance exam into the Music Department, and
2. as an application for a music scholarship.

When you first meet the ACU Music Faculty, you will be asked to share your musical dreams and aspirations, stating experiences you've had on your voice or instrument (ie. private lessons, experience in a choir or praise band, etc.). As you share, our Faculty will guide you to the ACU music degree matching *your musical goals*. They will help you design a program which prepares you for your future.

You will be asked to perform two music pieces demonstrating your knowledge of music and your musical skill. Faculty will decide on class placement in such freshman courses as Applied Lessons, Class Piano, Music Theory, Chorale and Praise Band. Do not be afraid, if you love music and wish to make music your career, ACU is for you.

Find the degree program you are considering as your major, and look for the audition requirements.

Emphasis in Modern Worship or Music Ministry: Show us your talent on your voice or primary instrument (piano or guitar)! Prepare two songs.

- **Worship Song:** Sing a Worship song. Accompany yourself on guitar or piano if you are able to do so. If you don't play an instrument, bring an accompanist CD or inform your Admissions Counselor that you need an accompanist. Bring music.
- **Second Song:** Sing a second song in a Pop, Jazz, or Blues style, or a foreign-language Classical piece. If you are singing a foreign-language Classical piece, inform your Admissions Counselor that you need a piano accompanist. Bring music.
- **Instrumentalist:** If you are not auditioning on voice, prepare two songs on your instrument in different styles. One of the songs should be in a Worship style, with the second song in a Pop, Jazz, or Blues style. Be prepared to demonstrate familiarity with your instrument's fingerboard, or play scales.

Emphasis in Vocal Performance or Music Education: Sing your best songs! If you are taking voice lessons, sing what your teacher is helping you prepare, preferably a Classical work. Then bring another style song (Worship, Pop, Jazz, or Blues). Bring either a CD accompaniment track, or music for the accompanist. Be sure to inform your Admissions Counselor that you need a piano accompanist, and bring music.

Music Major: The Music Major degree prepares students for entrance into graduate and other post-baccalaureate programs, and it is anticipated that the student enter the university with considerable prior experience. Show music faculty your music ability and performance versatility. Whether performing on voice or musical instrument, prepare two works of contrasting nature. It is preferred that one of the works be Classical.