### Freshman

- Review your degree plan in the undergraduate catalog.
- Audition in February prior to starting your Freshman year for acceptance into upper-level lessons.
- Enroll in Music Technology I.
- Enroll in at least one large ensemble each semester.
- marching Band and Chorus are “open to all”
- Begin the Music Theory, Aural Skills, and Piano Class sequences.
- Enroll in one or two University Core Curriculum classes every semester.
- UNIV 1301 and MATH 1319 or 1320 are highly recommended. Do not enroll in a Piano Class sequence.
- Marching Band and Chorus are “open to all!” each semester.
- Enroll in at least one large ensemble each semester.
- Complete your major degree requirements. Complete the University Core Curriculum.

### Sophomore

- Continue the Theory, and Aural Skills sequences.
- Continue enrolling in large ensembles.
- Take Intro to Music History.
- Enroll in one or two University Core Curriculum classes every semester.
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire. During the spring semester, pass the Music Theory Advancement Exam before taking upper-level music theory, conducting, or music history classes.
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire each semester.
- Submit your signed Acceptance to Upper-Level Lessons form to the undergraduate music advisor.

### Junior

- Begin upper-level lessons.
- Begin Commercial Arranging classes.
- Begin Improvisation classes.
- Begin upper-level Music History classes.
- Enroll in music electives.
- Enroll in one or two University Core Curriculum classes every semester.
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire each semester.
- Submit your signed Acceptance to Upper-Level Lessons form to the undergraduate music advisor.
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire.
- Submit a high-quality Digital Portfolio for graduate school outside of UTEP.

### Senior

- Continue Commercial Arranging classes.
- Continue Improvisation classes.
- Complete your Senior Recital.
- Complete your major degree requirements.
- Complete the University Core Curriculum.
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire each semester.
- Submit your signed Recital Acceptance form to the undergraduate music advisor.
- Review your graduation audit with the C.L.A.S.S. Center in the College of Liberal Arts.
- Mentor new students through continued participation in music-oriented student organizations.
- Engage with your field by attending a variety of recitals, concerts, and masterclasses, including those in areas other than your own, on and off the UTEP campus.
- Submit the GRE if preparing for graduate school.

### Academic Advising

- Contact your Advisor in the Department of Music by emailing music@utep.edu
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire each semester.
- Take the Online Music Theory Placement Exam before the fall semester begins.
- Submit your signed Acceptance to Lower-Level Lessons form to the undergraduate music advisor.
- Actively participate in the Department of Music’s New Music Student Success Initiative Program.
- Get involved in your Music Theory/Aural Skills Learning Community.
- Attend performances associated with your Commercial Music concentration.

### Enriching Experiences

- Discover tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center, the Math Resource Center, and the Music Theory Tutoring Center.
- Develop a definite schedule for practice to sharply hone your musical skills.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Visit the University Career Center and/or attend Resume Development Workshops in the Arts through the Center for Arts Entrepreneurship.

### Lifelong Success

- Network with local music professionals by attending local and state TMEA meetings.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.
- Speak with your applied faculty and/or Director of Graduate Studies to identify opportunities for graduate or professional study.
- Research career opportunities at the local, state, and national levels.
- Attend and submit to present at a national convention in your field of specialty.
- Cultivate positive relationships with professors in anticipation of letters of recommendation and references.

### Edge Advantages:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility

### Career Possibilities:

- Songwriter
- Composer of Show Music
- Composer of Educational Materials
- Music Editor
- Music Director
- Record Producer
- Film/TV/Video Game Composer
- Film Music Composer
- Performer
- School Orchestra Director

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- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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Notes

Checklist for success

☐ Create a Job Mine account.
☐ Check in with your advisor.
☐ Review your degree plan to stay on track.
☐ Attend a financial literacy workshop.
☐ Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC).