### FRESHMAN
- Review your degree plan in the undergraduate catalog.
- Audition in February prior to starting your Freshman year for acceptance into lower-level lessons.
- 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 Creative Arts class for the core.

### SOPHOMORE
- Continue the Theory, Aural Skills, and Piano Class sequences.
- Enroll in Introduction to Composition.
- Continue enrolling in large ensembles.
- Take Intro to Music History.
- Enroll in one or two University Core Curriculum classes every semester.

### JUNIOR
- Begin upper-level lessons.
- Begin upper-level Music Theory classes, including Counterpoint.
- Enroll in Advanced Composition.
- Begin upper-level Music History classes.
- Enroll in music electives, including foreign language classes.
- Enroll in one or two University Core Curriculum classes every semester.

### SENIOR
- Continue enrolling in Advanced Composition.
- Complete your Senior Composition Recital.
- Complete your major degree requirements.
- Complete the University Core Curriculum.

### YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE
- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire each semester.
- During the spring semester, pass the Music Theory Advancement Exam before taking upper-level music theory, conducting, or music history classes.

### 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.

### ENRICHING EXPERIENCES
- Actively participate in the Department of Music’s New Music Student Success Initiative Program.
- Get involved in your Music Theory/Aural Skills Learning Community.
- Join one of the Department of Music’s Fraternities or Student Organizations.
- Follow the Department of Music’s Facebook Page.

### LIFELONG SUCCESS
- 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.

### CAREER POSSIBILITIES:
- Music composer
- Songwriter
- Arranger
- Orchestrator

### EDGE ADVANTAGES:
- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility

### CULTIVATE LEVELS:
- Critical Thinking
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 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).