



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- 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.

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 Music 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.

SOPHOMORE

- Continue the Theory, Aural Skills, and Piano Class sequences.
- Continue enrolling in large ensembles.
- Instrumentalists begin Secondary Instruments.
- Take Intro to Music History.
- Enroll in one or two University Core Curriculum classes every semester.

- Submit the [Music Advising Questionnaire](#) each semester.
- Contact the Dean's Office for information on acceptance to the Teacher Education Program.
- During the spring semester, pass the Music Theory Advancement Exam before taking upper-level music theory, music education, conducting, or music history classes.

- Discover community involvement opportunities in your field through the Center for Arts Entrepreneurship.
- Explore the world with a summer Study Abroad course.
- Seek leadership opportunities in a student organization.
- Engage with your field by attending a variety of recitals, concerts, and masterclasses.

- 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.

JUNIOR

- Begin Music Education classes, including the appropriate pedagogy classes, if necessary.
- Begin upper-level lessons.
- Begin upper-level Music Theory classes.
- Begin Conducting Classes.
- Begin upper-level Music History classes.
- Complete the University Core Curriculum before entering the Teacher Education Program.

- Submit the [Music Advising Questionnaire](#) each semester.
- Submit your signed Acceptance to Upper-Level Lessons form to the undergraduate music advisor.

- Build on your community-engagement efforts by participating in Center for Arts Entrepreneurship Activities.
- 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.

- 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.

SENIOR

- Complete your Senior Recital.
- Complete your major degree requirements.
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- Student teach during your final semester.

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- Submit the Music Advising Questionnaire at (utep.edu/maq) 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.

- Take the TExES PPR exam.
- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school outside of UTEP.
- Take the TExES Music EC-12 exam.
- Prepare a high quality Digital Portfolio for graduate school and/or job prospects after graduation.
- Attend state and national conventions for career opportunities.
- Practice interviewing at Career Center Workshops and/or through workshops presented through the Center for Arts Entrepreneurship.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

EDGE ADVANTAGES:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

CAREER POSSIBILITIES:

- School Band Director
- School Choir Director
- School Orchestra Director

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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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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).

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- Explore graduate school data, too.

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