

Music Theory Entrance Exam for Graduate Students

All graduate students in music and music education will be given a music theory entrance exam. This exam will determine any deficiencies to be addressed in the student's curriculum. The exam will contain the following elements of music theory:

I. Basic theory – Chord and interval identification, scale writing, and transposing for instruments.

II. Basic analysis and part writing – Identifying chords, non-chord tones, cadences, and formal structure. Part writing in four voices.

III. Analysis of 20th century structures including identifying 12 tone systems and pitch sets.

IV. (Aural) Melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic dictation.