

Placement Examinations

All students who received baccalaureate degrees from institutions other than the University of Utah and all University of Utah graduates returning for graduate study after an absence of one academic year or more must take Graduate Placement Exams in (1) Theory and (2) Music History and Literature. Placement Exams cannot be taken until the University has accepted the student. Preparation material is available upon request from the Graduate Studies Secretary and is automatically sent to accepted students. Placement Examinations must be taken prior to registering for courses. Examinations are given during the last week of classes prior to the start of any term except for Fall Semester. Placement Examinations for Fall Semester will normally be given one week prior to the start of the term.

An individual entering as a non-matriculated student must take the placement exams in history and/or theory before taking courses in these areas.

The results of the Graduate Placement Exams are to help determine placement in graduate courses and to identify areas where remedial work may be necessary. Students are encouraged to study diligently for these examinations. Poor performance could result in the student being required to take a considerable number of remedial courses.

Music History Placement Examination. The Music History Placement Examination covers the breadth of Western art music from the Medieval period through the Twentieth Century. The student will be asked to identify important composers, define important terms, identify and place into historical context representative musical scores, and write an essay on a topic of historical importance.

Music Theory Placement Examination. The Music Theory Placement Examination consists of a number of items, which determines the student's competence in harmony, voice leading, counterpoint, form, and instrumentation, and for composition and conducting students only, orchestration.

Appointment of Supervisory Committee

Selection and appointment of the members of the supervisory committee should be made by the middle of the first term of study, and will be approved or denied at the last Graduate Committee Meeting of the first term of study. Contact the Director of Graduate Studies or the Secretary of Graduate Studies for details.