

ONLINE FAQ: QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GRADUATE MUSIC PROGRAMS

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FOR GENERAL GRADUATE MUSIC APPLICATION:

What previous academic work is required?

Any student who is admitted to a graduate program in music at the University of Oregon must currently possess the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree (e.g., Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Science in Music, Bachelor of Music). Certificates and diplomas from music conservatories are not equivalent to baccalaureate degrees because of their much narrower ranges of study. Baccalaureate degrees include a substantial amount of work in general studies such as science, social science, humanities, and the arts.

Is it possible to be admitted to the UO if my application file is not complete?

No: all graduate music applicants must submit all required materials as described on the Admissions web page:

http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/masters_admission.html (for Master's)

http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/doctoral_admission.html (For Doctoral)

Are applications only accepted for Fall term, or is it possible to apply for other terms?

The UO is based on the quarter system: we have Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms. Applications are accepted for all 4 terms, but Fall term admission is preferred.

The deadline for Fall term application is Jan. 15th. Please contact

gmusadm@uoregon.edu to determine the deadline for application to the Winter, Spring, and Summer terms.

The Jan. 15th application deadline has passed. Is it possible to still apply for Fall term?

Yes, though it is recommended that you contact the Admissions Assistant at gmusadm@uoregon.edu to verify that the program you are interested in is still able to accept applications. Also, if you do apply after the Jan. 15th deadline, please be aware that priority consideration for financial aid will be given to applicants who have completed their files by Jan. 15th.

How do I know if my application file is complete?

Review the list of application requirements that can be found on this website: http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/masters_admission.html (For Master's) http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/doctoral_admission.html (For Doctoral)

Paper copies are also available from the graduate music office. If you have submitted all required materials on this list for your degree area, it is also a good idea to verify that your letters of recommendation and transcripts have been sent to the following address:

Director of Graduate Studies, Music
School of Music and Dance
1225 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1225

Finally, you can verify that all materials have been received at the graduate music office by contacting the Admissions Assistant at gmusadm@uoregon.edu.

What financial aid is available, and how are financial aid awards determined?

More than \$200,000 is awarded annually in music scholarships. In addition, a number of graduate teaching fellowships (GTFs) are available for qualified graduate students. GTF award recipients teach or assist with other School of Music and Dance duties in a variety of music areas. In addition to the graduate teaching fellowship stipend, tuition is paid by the university and health insurance is offered. Applicants who are interested in financial aid are advised to submit all required application materials by the application deadline, and to submit a GTF application and a scholarship application. The applications and further information can be found at these web sites: http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/masters_admission.html (for Master's) http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/doctoral_admission.html (For doctoral)

How do I set up an audition time?

You can contact the Admissions Assistant at gmusadm@uoregon.edu to schedule an audition time. After you schedule your audition, you will be mailed confirmation of your time along with Eugene and UO information and maps.

What should I prepare for my audition?

Audition requirements for most areas can be found on the web under the link “Graduate Audition Requirements.”

APPLICATION TO THE MASTER’S LEVEL:**Is it possible to apply for a graduate music degree if my undergraduate degree is not in music?**

Yes. But the decision to apply at the Master’s level will depend on your previous music experience. If you read through the application requirements for the degree you are interested in, and feel that you can fulfill the application requirements, then you may wish to apply at the graduate level. If a student in this situation is accepted, such a student will be admitted at a conditional Master’s level status. Under this status, the student is required to complete a series of undergraduate music courses (details can be found on this web page): http://music.uoregon.edu/Admissions/masters_admission.html

...under “Important information for graduate applications without an undergraduate music degree.” For some of these requirements, if you have already fulfilled these courses in your previous university work, you will not have to re-take them. It is also highly recommended that you contact gmusadm@uoregon.edu regarding your status, and we would be happy to provide further detailed information.

Do I need a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test score in order to apply to a Master’s music program?

No: the GRE is not required for Master’s application.

APPLICATION TO THE DOCTORAL LEVEL:

Do I need a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test score in order to apply to the doctoral music program?

No: the GRE is not required for doctoral application.

Are supporting areas required for application to the doctoral program?

Yes. All doctoral applicants must apply for and be admitted to both a primary and a supporting area. A full listing of these areas can be found on this web page: http://music.uoregon.edu/AcademicStudies/GradStudies/doctoral_degrees.html

Is it possible to apply directly to the doctoral program if I have a bachelor's degree but not a Master's degree?

Yes, but please note that all applicants must complete the listed doctoral application requirements.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION:

How do I know if I need a TOEFL score?

If you are an international student from a non-English speaking country, and do not hold a degree from an American university you must provide a TOEFL score. Master's applicants must provide a TOEFL score of 575 or above (paper based test) or equivalent 233 (computer based test). Doctoral applicants must provide a TOEFL score of 600 or above (paper based test) or equivalent 250 (computer based test). You cannot be admitted without a qualifying TOEFL score. International students who hold degrees from English speaking American, Canadian, or British universities are not required to provide a TOEFL score.

Are there any options for application if my TOEFL score is below the requirement?

Yes: if an applicant submits all application materials and is accepted by the School of Music and Dance, there is an option called conditional admission: this admission is conditional based on the requirement to begin studies with full time work in the American English Institute (AEI) at the University of Oregon. Master's level students will be required to continue study in AEI until all classes through the end of level six coursework are completed with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and a TOEFL score

of 550 has been achieved. Doctoral level students will be required to continue study in AEI until all classes through the end of Level Six coursework are completed with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and a TOEFL score of 575 has been achieved. Once a student has met the English language requirement, the student may begin to take music courses full-time.

Students admitted with these conditions may also be required to take additional English courses; the need for this is to be determined by the Director of Graduate Studies.

How should I arrange for an I-20?

Before a foreign student is granted an I-20 by the United States Government he or she must document the availability of at least \$25,037 for nine months' tuition and room and board (for a single student). Documentation of these funds is carefully inspected before a student visa is granted. It is not possible for the School of Music and Dance to provide full scholarships for any student. You may learn whether other financial assistance is possible by contacting the Office of International Education and Exchange (website <http://oip.uoregon.edu/internationalgrad.php>). Please remember that even if you are granted a scholarship or GTF by the School of Music and Dance, you will need to put together the rest of your finances before you can acquire a visa to enter this country.