DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Audition and Admission Requirements 2023-2024
Audition Information

All questions about auditions should be directed to Department of Music Chair Dr. Patrick Evans at patricke@uab.edu

There are three audition deadlines, by which the student must complete the online audition form, and, if auditioning for the Music Technology Program, complete the online Music Technology Questionnaire. If a student is choosing to submit a videorecording in lieu of an in-person audition, that recording is due two days before the audition date.

For Scholarship Consideration:

**Sunday, February 18, 2024 (Admission and Scholarship)**

**Sunday, March 23, 2024 (Admission and Scholarship)**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 (Admission only)**

After March 23rd, students may still audition, but there is no guarantee of scholarship consideration, so early auditions are encouraged.

It is essential that the student seeking an audition must apply and be admitted academically to UAB. No scholarship offer can be made until a student is academically admitted.

Students who do not wish to be a music major or minor, but are interested in auditioning for band or choral ensembles and scholarship opportunities should email Director of Bands Dr. Sean Murray spmurray@uab.edu or Director of Choral Activities Dr. Brian Kittredge at briank@uab.edu to set up a non-major/minor band or choral audition.

After the audition, students auditioning to be a music major will be informed of one of three outcomes:

1) Admission is granted and they may enroll as a Music Major;
2) Admission is conditional, in which case they are admitted as a Pre-Music major and have one year to gain full admission as a Music Major;
3) Admission is denied.

In the case of number 2 above, students must re-audition in order to gain full admission as a Music Major. In the event they are not accepted, they will be advised to seek another major within the University. Students auditioning for admission as a Music Minor will either be fully admitted or denied. Once fully or conditionally admitted to the Department of Music, students will work closely with a music faculty advisor who will monitor their progress and advise in the selection of appropriate courses. Admission to UAB does not guarantee admission to the Department of Music.

The following pages list the specific requirements for auditioning on each instrument. Students wishing to major in music should use the listed repertoire as a guide; standard works of comparable quality are acceptable. Students wishing to minor in music will be expected to prepare the same technical material, but need only prepare one repertoire piece.
Scholarships
There are two types of Music scholarships at UAB: Music Major/Minor scholarships and Ensemble scholarships. All students auditioning to be accepted as a Music Major or Minor are automatically eligible for all available scholarships. No additional audition is required. Ensemble scholarships are awarded to students in any major for participation in bands or choirs, and auditions for these are held throughout the year.
All works listed are only suggested pieces. Any standard work of comparable quality is acceptable.

**Music Technology:**
At UAB, Music Technology is a concentration within the BA in Music degree program. This program is for musicians who wish to add advanced technology to their musical skills. For the required audition, perform two short works which represent your abilities on your major instrument. One of the works must be classical; the other may be in any style.

To be considered for music technology scholarships, please complete the Music Technology Questionnaire online, including:
1) A paragraph describing any previous experience in music technology
2) A paragraph describing goals in the area of music technology
3) If available, links to recording of examples of your work to date

**All music technology materials must be received no later than the application deadline.**

**Guitar:**
Scales - major and minor keys - two or three octaves
Knowledge of basic chords and bar chords (M, m, 7, m7)
One piece in the genre of your strongest playing – jazz, classical, pop, rock, gospel
One fingered classical piece
Sightreading

**Bass Guitar:**
Scales - all keys two octaves
Sightreading
Two contrasting pieces that show your best playing

**Piano:**
Two contrasting classical pieces by memory
All major and minor scales - 4 octaves hands together
Sight reading

**Voice:**
Two contrasting classical vocal selections (art song or aria) in the original language. One music theatre selection could be substituted.
All selections must be memorized.
Vocalize to determine vocal range.
Sight reading
Audition Information
Woodwinds

The instrumentalist should prepare one or two etudes, one solo work, and all major and minor scales with tonic arpeggios. Scales and arpeggios are to be played two octaves when practical, or three octaves when appropriate.

All works listed are only suggested pieces. Any standard work of comparable quality is acceptable.

**Flute:**
- **Etudes:** Cavally: Melodious and Progressive Etudes, Book I
  Mary Karen Clardy: Flute Etudes Book
- **Solos:** A sonata for flute and piano by Bach or Handel
  Mozart: *Concerto in G Major*
  Chaminade: *Concertino*
  Debussy: *Syrinx*
  Any flute composition by a French composer edited by Louis Moyse

**Oboe:**
- **Etudes:** Two of the 40 *Progressive Melodies* from the Barret Method book or Two studies from Ferling 48 Studies, Op. 31
- **Solo:** Two contrasting movements from a sonata or concerto by Marcello, Cimarosa, Handel, Vivaldi, Telemann, Albinoni, or Mozart; or a work of comparable difficulty.

**Bassoon:**
- **Etudes:** Weissenborn - Method for Bassoon
  Milde - Concert Studies, Vol. I and II
- **Solos:** Mozart - *Concerto in B♭*, K. 191
  Weber - *Concerto in F*, Op. 75
  Vivaldi - *Concerto in D Minor*

**Clarinet:**
- **Etudes:** Rose - 32 Studies for Clarinet
  Cavallini - 30 Caprices for Clarinet
  Klose - Method for Clarinet
- **Solos:** Weber - *Concertino*
  Mozart - *Concerto in A Major*, K. 622
  Saint-Saëns - *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano*

**Saxophone:**
- **Etudes:** Fehrling - 48 Famous Studies for Oboe
  The Universal Method for Saxophone
- **Solos:** Bozza - *Aria*
  Handel - *Sonata No. 3*
  Eccles - *Sonata*
  Creston - *Sonata*
Audition Information
Brass

The instrumentalist should prepare one or two etudes, one solo work, and all major and minor scales with tonic arpeggios. Scales and arpeggios are to be played two octaves when practical or three octaves when appropriate.

All works listed are only suggested pieces. Any standard work of comparable quality is acceptable.

Trumpet:
Etudes: Any vocalise etude by Giuseppe Concone (Sawyer or Korak editions)
Voxman - Selected Etudes
Arban - 14 Characteristic Studies
Brandt - 34 Studies
Solos: Balay - *Petite Piece Concertante*
Corelli - *Sonata VIII*
Gaeyens - *All Antica*
Goedicke - *Concert Etude*

Horn:
Etudes: Kopprasch - 60 Selected Studies
Pottag-Andraud - Selected Melodious, Progressive and Technical Studies
Gallay - 22 Studies or 24 Studies
Solos: Voxman - Concert and Contest Collection
Saint-Saëns - *Romance*
Beethoven - *Little Rondo*

Trombone (Tenor): (Bass):
Etudes: Rochut - Melodious Etudes
Tyrrell - 40 Progressive Studies
Voxman - Selected Studies for Trombone
Solos: Barat - *Andante and Allegro*
David - *Concertino*
Ostrander - Concert Album
Etudes: Rochut - Melodious Etudes
Also see listings for Tuba
Solos: Bozza - *Allegro and Finale*
Lebedey - Concerto
Leib - *Concertino Basso*

Euphonium:
Etudes: Rochut - Melodious Etudes (any etude in book 1)
Arban - Characteristic Studies (any of the 14 etudes)
Solos: Guilmant-Morceau - *Symphonique*
Barat - *Introduction and Danse*
Barat - *Andante et Allegro*
Galliard - *Sonata No. 1*

Tuba:
Etudes: Uber - 25 Early Studies or Concert Etudes
Paudert - 18 Etudes
Solos: Brahms/Little - *Five Songs*
Marcello/Little - *Sonata No. I or Sonata No. V*
Capuzzi - *Andante and Rondo*; Perantoni - Master Solos
Audition Information
Strings, Percussion

All works listed are only suggested pieces. Any standard work of comparable quality is acceptable.

**Violin:**
All major and minor scales in three octaves
Two contrasting works on a comparable level to the following:
  * Etudes: Any etude by Dont or Kreutzer
  * Solos: Any concerto movement by Bach, Haydn, or Mozart

**Viola:**
All major and minor scales in three octaves
Two contrasting works on a comparable level to the following:
  * Etudes: Any etude by Mazas, Kreutzer or Campagnoli
  * Solos: Bach - *Cello Suite*
    Telemann - *Concerto*

**Cello:**
All major and minor scales and arpeggios in three octaves
* Etudes: Duport - 21 Etudes
  Franchomme - Six Caprices
* Solos: Bach - *Six Suites for unaccompanied cello*
  Boccherini/Gruetzmacher - *Concerto in B♭ major*
  Saint-Saëns - *Concerto in A minor, Op. 33*

**Bass:**
One octave scales - bowed
  Sightreading
* Solos: Bach - *Solo Cello Suite #1 (Prelude)*
  Saint-Saëns - *Carnival of the Animals (The Elephant)*

**Percussion:** All potential majors must demonstrate proficiency in at least one of the following areas for admission and at least two areas for scholarship consideration: General Percussion, Keyboard Percussion, or Timpani. Students should be prepared to sightread on snare drum and mallets.

  **General Percussion:**
  Any concert snare drum etude from a published collection by Cirone, Delecluse, Peters, Goldenberg, or Firth
  Any published multiple percussion solo
  Demonstrate knowledge of snare drum rudiments

  **Keyboard Percussion:**
  Any published two or four mallet solo or etude
  All major scales and arpeggios one octave

  **Timpani:**
  Any published solo or etude
  Tuning: Perfect fourth, Perfect fifth, Major third

  Proficiency on drum set may be included as well. Please demonstrate timekeeping and fills in several different styles (i.e. rock, funk, medium tempo swing, fast swing, and/or Latin-type grooves).

For more information and further details, visit www.uabpercussion.org
Music Ensembles

**Marching Blazers**  
Dr. Sean Murray, Director of Bands  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-975-2263 or spmurray@uab.edu

**Blazer Band**  
Dr. Gene Fambrough, Director  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-975-5823 or gfambro@uab.edu

**Wind Symphony and Symphony Band**  
Dr. Sean Murray, Director of Bands  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-975-2263 or spmurray@uab.edu

**Percussion Ensemble and Steel Drum Band**  
Dr. Gene Fambrough, Director  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-975-5823 or gfambro@uab.edu

**Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos**  
Dr. Steve Roberts, Director  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-934-6154 or jazztpt@uab.edu

**Brass Ensembles**  
Dr. James Zingara, Coordinator  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-934-2265 or jzingara@uab.edu

**Woodwind Ensembles**  
Dr. Denise Gainey, Coordinator  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-975-0558 or clarinet@uab.edu

**Concert Choir and Chamber Singers**  
Dr. Brian Kittredge, Director  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-975-2599 or briank@uab.edu

**Gospel Choir**  
Dr. Reginald Jackson, Director  
Contact 205-934-6155 or rjr@uab.edu

**UAB Opera**  
Dr. Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, Director  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-934-8906 or khw@uab.edu

**Guitar Ensembles**  
Ms. Maria Bitran, Director (Spring terms)  
Contact 205-934-7376 or mbitran@uab.edu  
Mr. Carlos Pino, Director (Fall terms)  
Contact 205-934-7376 or eduardo@uab.edu

**Piano Ensemble**  
Mrs. Tatiana Kasman, Director  
Audition required.  
Contact 205-934-8942 or kasman@uab.edu

**Computer Music Ensemble**  
Dr. Matthew Phillips, Director  
Contact 205-934-7376 or mattssou@uab.edu