Audition Requirements for Choir and Voice

Music Majors

For Admission to the School of Music

Even though a student is admitted to the university to be admitted to the School of Music as Music Major, students must audition for a faculty panel. The audition will consist of two contrasting songs (art song and/or aria) similar in quality to UIL Solo and Ensemble repertoire. At least one of the songs must be in a foreign language.

For placement in a choir and vocal studio

The week before classes begin each semester, a studio placement audition and a choir audition are required of all new music majors. Differing from the scholarship auditions, these placement auditions are not competitive. Rather, they are to evaluate a student’s musical development at the time of entrance and for the student and the faculty member to get reacquainted. In the case of the studio audition, only one song is required. For the choir audition, sight-reading and rhythmic skills will be tested. When the dorms open during the first semester of enrollment, the student should contact the Music Office for information about audition times and procedure.

With all auditions an accompanist will be available if needed.

Non-Music Majors

Do I have to audition to be in a choir?

The directors encourage all students to audition, but it is not necessary for non-majors to audition to be in a choir. However, it is necessary to audition to be in one of the select ensembles such as the A Cappella Choir or Madrigal Singers.

What is involved in a choral audition?
The purpose of the audition is twofold: to determine the vocal range and quality, and musical skill. Since there is no choir audition requirement for non-majors, the audition process will vary from student to student. Normally, the exercises of the audition consist of vocalizing, sight-reading and tonal memory. It is not necessary to prepare a song for a choral audition.

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As a non-major do I have to take voice lessons to be in a choir?

To participate in choir, voice lessons are not required of non-majors, but they are highly encouraged. All vocal music majors are required to take voice as part of the vocal curriculum. For interested non-majors and all vocal music majors, an audition for placement in a voice studio is required the week prior to the beginning of classes. Call the School of Music for an audition time.

As a non-music major, what should I prepare for a voice placement audition?

Non-majors may prepare a simple hymn, art song or aria. An accompanist will be provided. When the dorms open during the first semester of enrollment, the student should contact the Music Office for information about audition times and procedure.