

# Undergraduate Placement and Graduate Diagnostic Examinations

## Undergraduate Placement

### **Music Theory Placement Examination:**

This examination, which includes both written and ear-training components, is required of all junior college students and undergraduate transfer students who have not completed a four-semester theory sequence with an accredited NASM school. New freshmen (non-transfer) students who have received training in music theory may take the exam; however, new freshmen students are not required to take the exam. The subject material for each exam may be gleaned from the following sources:

Theory I exam: Robert Gauldin, *Harmonic Practice in Tonal Music*, 2nd edition, chapters 1-12

Theory II exam: *Harmonic Practice*, 2nd edition, chapters 13-25

Theory III exam: *Harmonic Practice*, 2nd edition, chapters 26-41

Theory IV exam: Stefan Kostka, *Materials and Techniques of Twentieth-Century Music*, all

This examination is given on the Tuesday prior to the first day of classes in the fall and spring semester. Advanced registration for the exam is not necessary; incoming students interested in taking the exam may simply arrive at one of the specific times and locations listed below:

**Fall 2009 exam:** August 18, 2009, 7:00 PM in 123 Murphy Hall

**Spring 2010 exam:** January 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in 123 Murphy Hall

### **Keyboard Skills Placement Examination:**

A Placement Examination for the piano proficiency requirements for the various music degrees is required of all new freshmen and transfer students. All students, except those whose primary performance area is piano, **MUST** attend the orientation meeting as listed below. An appointment for the placement examination is assigned at the meeting. Students with piano skills may skip to the appropriate semester or pass the proficiency requirement. Questions may be directed to the Music and Dance Office, 785 864-3436 or [music@ku.edu](mailto:music@ku.edu).

#### **Spring 2010:**

The Keyboard Skills sequence placement examination is available on an appointment basis for students entering music degrees in the spring semester. Contact Richard Reber at [rreber@ku.edu](mailto:rreber@ku.edu) with questions or concerns.

#### **Fall 2009:**

Piano Orientation Meeting: August 19, 2009, 12:00 PM, Swarthout Recital Hall, Murphy Hall

Piano Placement Exam: August 19, 2009, by appointment between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, 404 Murphy Hall

## Graduate Diagnostic Examinations

All new graduate students except those in music education, music therapy, or M.M. opera are required to take the music history and music theory diagnostic exam. New graduate piano majors must also take an exam in piano literature. The Graduate Diagnostic Examinations are given on the Tuesday (MTHC & PIAN) and the Wednesday (MUSC) prior to the first day of classes in the fall and spring semesters. See specific times and locations below.

### **Spring 2010 exams:**

Musicology: January 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 123 Murphy Hall

Music Theory: January 12, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 123 Murphy Hall

Piano Majors: (*New graduate student piano literature exam*) January 12, 2010, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 402 Murphy Hall

### **Fall 2009 exams:**

Musicology: August 19, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 123 Murphy Hall

Music Theory: August 18, 2009, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 123 Murphy Hall

Piano Majors: (*New graduate student piano literature exam*) August 18, 2009, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 402 Murphy Hall