

Fall 2026
University of Kansas Orchestral Program Audition Music
Violin

Auditions are required for placement into the KU Symphony Orchestra and the KU Prairie Fire Ensemble. Auditions will be held **Thursday, August 20** through **Saturday, August 22**. Audition sign-up forms will be posted on the KU School of Music website in the orchestra section starting July 1, 2026.

Everyone is required to perform a 3-octave major and melodic minor scale of their choice and the two audition excerpts.

KU Symphony Orchestra

Fall Semester Rehearsals: TR 3:30pm-6:20pm; First rehearsal - **Tuesday, August 25, 2026**

KU Philharmonic Orchestra

Fall Semester Rehearsals: T 6:30pm-8:20pm; First rehearsal - **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

KU Prairie Fire Ensemble

Fall Semester Rehearsals: M 4:00pm-5:50pm; First rehearsal - **Monday August 24, 2026**

Excerpt #1 - Brahms *Academic Festival Overture* Op. 80 - Measure 379 to the end.

Quarter note = 70

Maestoso (♩ = ♩)

The musical score is written for a piano and consists of seven staves. The tempo is marked **Maestoso** with a note value of 1/4 = 1/4. The dynamics range from **ff** (fortissimo) to **f** (forte). The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The measures are numbered 379, 381, 384, 388, 390, 392, 394, and 397. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Quarter note = 120

pp cresc. pizz. arco mf

20 cresc. f

21 mf cresc. ff div. f molto marcato unis

22 ff 3

23 dim. mf f

24 arco f cresc. ff