

Theory Placement Exam VAPA Music Program

Description:

We want you to succeed in your music studies at UCCS. Every incoming student to the music program is required to take the theory placement exam. Your score in this exam (good or bad) is no indication of your musical potential or talent. It is in your best interest that you be placed into the appropriate level of music theory. There is no advantage in being placed in a class that is too advanced or in being placed into a class you do not need. This exam tests a student's fundamental reading, writing and understanding of western musical notation, including note and rhythm identification, scales, intervals, and harmonic structures.

Times:

For entrance into the music program theory course in the Fall 2020, placement exams will be held on August 19th, 10am room 266 Ent Center for the Arts; August 20th same room at 11am.

Practice Exam:

Go here: https://www.uccs.edu/vapa/sites/vapa/files/inline-files/placement_exam_2018_1.pdf

Textbook: We currently use the following textbook for MUS 1005 - Fundamentals of Music Theory and Composition:

The Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis by Jane Clendinning and Elizabeth Marvin. W. W. Norton & Company - 3rd Edition.

Other Resources:

<http://www.musictheory.net>

The Complete Musician by Steven G. Laitz. Oxford University Press.

Tonal Harmony by Stefan Kostka and Dorothy Payne. McGraw-Hill.

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