**Smith College**

**Music Theory Placement Exam (Fall 2022)**

\*\*Must be completed by Monday, August 29, 2022, 5pm\*\*

The Department of Music offers a placement exam to determine the appropriate level of music theory instruction for incoming students. The exam assesses knowledge of basic Western tonal music concepts. Students will be placed into *Fundamentals of Music* (MUS100) or *Analysis and Repertory* (MUS110). The exam will be available on Moodle starting on Wednesday, July 27 and must be completed by Monday, August 29. It is not graded and is not part of your academic record.

The exam consists of:

• describing your musical experience and training

• identifying pitches and accidentals in treble and bass clef

• identifying meters from rhythmic notation

• identifying scales and key signatures

The placement test must represent your own work and must be taken in accordance with Smith College’s Academic Honor Code. You may not use notes, textbooks, or other resources to aid you during the exam. Each student may take the exam only once. There is no time limit.

**Assessment**

The following are the three (3) possible results of the placement exam:

**100** The student has place into Fundamentals of Music (MUS100) and can pursue MUS110

following the completion of MUS100.

**110\*** The student has too much background for Fundamentals of Music but may find MUS110

challenging. This is a gray area and consultation with the theory instructor is recommended. For

those in this area who wish to pursue enrollment in MUS110, consider supplmental study, such as: • private tutoring sessions through the Jacobson Center (paid by the college)

• extra study outside of class, either self-directed or with guidance of instructor

**110** The student has placed into MUS110.

**Instructions**

• Log into Moodle using your Smith ID and password.

• Click the following link to access the Music Theory Placement Exam:

<https://moodle.smith.edu/course/view.php?id=26684>

• Click the “Enroll me” button to gain access to the Moodle page and the exam document.

**Please note:** *The exam will go online on Wednesday July 27, 2022.*

• Take as much time as you need to complete the exam. When you’re finished, click the “Submit” button.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please email Maeve Sterbenz (msterbenz@smith.edu).**

**Good luck!**