Department of Music: Placement test for music theory

Students planning to register for a music theory course are required to take this online placement.

Prerequisite for Music 110, the first semester of the sequence, is the ability to read standard pitch and rhythmic notation in treble and bass clefs, major and minor key signatures, time signatures, and to name intervals.

The test must be submitted by 4:30 pm on Monday, 4 September 2017. Results will be sent to the Registrar, who will distribute them to the appropriate advisors.

How to take the test

Please click on the link below, or paste the URL into your browser window:

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

You can log in with your Smith ID and password. Follow that link and then click on the Enroll me button near the bottom of the screen in order to enroll for the test.

After you have completed as much of the test as you can, click on Submit all and finish.

How to read the results

100 These students do not have adequate background for Music 110, and Fundamentals of Music (Music 100) is appropriate

Students who take Fundamentals of Music will be prepared to take Music 110 in a future semester.

X These students have too much background for Fundamentals, but not enough for Music 110.

If such students wish to prepare for Music 110 in a future semester, the Music Department will provide a student tutor to help them.

110* These students do not have quite enough background for Music 110, but if they are motivated to work intensively, the course will be appropriate. (Fundamentals is not appropriate.)

110 These students have adequate background for Music 110.

If you suspect that you may have enough background to go directly into the second semester of the music theory sequence (Music 210, offered in the spring), take this test anyway, and then contact Raphael Atlas (RiphRaph@smith.edu). You can get a good idea about what is covered in Music 110 by following this link:

https://sophia.smith.edu/~ratlas/110/

Links for the two sections will be activated at the beginning of September.