

How difficult is it to be admitted to Music 32/132?

Auditions are very competitive because there are a limited number of lessons available and a large number of students auditioning, especially for guitar, piano, and voice.

Do I have to be a music major or minor to take Music 32/132?

Yes. You must also be concurrently enrolled in either a Department ensemble (Music 95B-W, 130, 131, or 134) or a non-performance music course.

Do you offer beginning lessons?

We do not. However, we do have a Musicians Referral Directory, which lists instructors who teach privately for a fee. The directory may be found on the Music Department homepage:

<http://music.ucsd.edu/musicians>.

What should I prepare for the audition?

A movement of a concerto chosen from the standard repertoire, a sonata, or another major work for your instrument that reflects your level of ability, preferably one with fast and slow passages. Specific audition requirements for flute, percussion, piano, and voice are noted on the Lessons website:

<http://musicweb.ucsd.edu/ugrad/ugrad-pages.php?i=108>

How long are the auditions?

Usually no more than five to ten minutes. In addition to the audition, students are sometimes asked questions regarding their musical background and interests.

Who is present at the auditions? Will my fellow students hear me play?

The audition is with the instructor(s) of your instrument. Other auditioning students are not present.

When are the auditions held?

Auditions are held once a year just prior to the beginning of the Fall quarter. It is necessary to sign up for a specific audition time for both piano and voice. Please reference the department website to find specific instructions and room locations.

What if I have class at the time of the auditions?

Please make every attempt to audition at the scheduled time. If you absolutely cannot make it, you must contact the instructor to see if she/he can hear you at another time.

Can I audition in the Winter or Spring quarters?

Normally it is difficult to be admitted to Music 32/132 in these quarters since those students who audition at the beginning of Fall quarter and who are accepted for lessons commit to taking them for all three quarters. Additionally, the lessons budget is finalized after the Fall quarter auditions, and due to budget restrictions it is rare for students to be added for winter and spring quarters.

Why is enrollment limited?

It is extremely costly to teach individual lessons. The lesson courses are a form of scholarship and it is for this reason that we require registered students to be either a declared music major or minor.

How many students are admitted each year to each instrument?

The number varies from year to year and is based on funding and on other factors.

What if I'm not admitted? Can I audition again?

You can audition the following Fall quarter. Students are also welcome to enroll in any of our ensemble classes (most are by audition – please see the Ensembles webpage: <http://music.ucsd.edu/en/>).

For those not able to enter Music 32/32V, there are instructors who teach privately for a fee. Please consult the Musicians Referral Directory <http://music.ucsd.edu/musicians> for a list of these department-affiliated instructors.

When are lessons taught?

The lessons are arranged according to the schedules of the students and instructors.

How do I enroll?

You will receive a message in the Virtual Advising Center with a notice of acceptance. You will then be able to enroll through WebReg or an “Add” card if over the unit limit (available in the Music Dept. Office).

Is there a charge for lessons?

No. Music 32/132 lessons are included in your tuition fees just like any other course.

May I use a practice room?

Yes. Rooms are available to students enrolled in music courses that require the use of a practice room. Music majors are eligible to obtain a key card, while minors will have access Monday – Friday from 8am-9pm.

Do you have lockers?

Yes. There are a limited number available for music majors and minors. Please see the Facilities Assistant in CPMC 109 for availability.

Does the Music Department ever loan instruments to students?

Yes, on occasion but only to majors and minors. Refer to Intranet: <http://music-intranet.ucsd.edu/>.

Any final advice?

Practice!