

Music Placement Information

Any Furman student with musical skill is invited to participate!

When asked what makes studying music at Furman appealing and satisfying, our students talk about the many opportunities they have to perform. Students choose from large ensembles like the Symphony Orchestra, the Symphonic Band, the Furman Singers, and the Marching Band, as well as smaller groups like the Percussion Ensemble, the Jazz Ensembles, the Chamber Choir, and the String Quartets. Talented vocalists participate in full-scale productions of the Lyric Theater. Dedicated performers may be honored by selection to the biannual Honors Recital. Twice yearly, the choral organizations combine with the orchestra to present choral-orchestral concerts of works from the oratorio repertoire. Talented instrumentalists compete for solo performances with the orchestra in our Concerto Competition. Rarely does a small liberal-arts college offer the range of performing opportunities available at Furman. You can choose from among more than 20 different student ensembles. All performing groups are open to majors and non-majors alike.



Auditions for Music Ensembles

◆ Furman Singers and Belle Voci (Women's Chorale)

Sunday & Monday, August 22 & 23 at 7-9 p.m.; Tuesday, August 24 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet for an audition time will be posted outside DMB-106.

◆ Paladin Regiment Marching Band, Color Guard, and Symphonic Band

No audition necessary! Contact sue.samuels@furman.edu or scan this QR for more information about how YOU can be part of Furman Bands!



◆ Jazz Ensemble and Combos

Horn auditions: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, August 25-27 at 2:30-3:30 p.m. in McAlister Auditorium 207. Rhythm Section auditions: Tuesday, August 24 at 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up for an audition time by contacting Dr. Matt Olson (matt.olson@furman.edu). Audition details will be posted on the music department website by August 1.

◆ Furman Symphony Orchestra

Auditions for NEW string students who have not previously auditioned and are interested in joining the Furman Symphony Orchestra will take place Monday, August 23 from 4-5 p.m. in DMB-117. Students will play a prepared solo piece.

String Seating Auditions for ALL string students planning to participate in Furman Symphony Orchestra will take place on **Tuesday, August 24 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in DMB-13**. Students will play a short solo piece. Wind and percussion assignments are given to the FSO conductor by the wind/percussion faculty and posted by Wednesday, August 25. The first FSO rehearsal is Thursday, August 26.

Auditions for Private Lesson Placement

Scholarship recipients and music majors who already auditioned for us do not need to re-audition, unless requested by the faculty.

For all others, contact the area coordinator of your instrument to schedule a time during fall orientation to audition for private lessons. Contact information is listed below.

- ◆ **Strings:** Dr. Anna Joiner (anna.joiner@furman.edu). Students enrolled for lessons are required to participate in FSO.
- ◆ **Woodwinds, Brass:** Dr. Sue Samuels (sue.samuels@furman.edu)
- ◆ **Percussion:** Dr. Omar Carmenates (omar.carmenates@furman.edu)
- ◆ **Voice:** Dr. Grant Knox (grant.knox@furman.edu)
- ◆ **Piano:** Dr. Derek Parsons (derek.parsons@furman.edu)
- ◆ **Organ:** Dr. Charles Tompkins (Charles.tompkins@furman.edu)
- ◆ **Guitar and Harp:** Dr. Anna Joiner

Music Theory Placement Tests

Intended music majors, if approved to begin music study, are pre-registered for music theory, aural skills, and keyboard skills. You are assigned to the 8 a.m., 10:20 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. Basic Musicianship (music theory) sequence, which meets Monday-Friday.

Furman University does not accept AP credit for music theory; however, students who have studied music theory previously may be able to test out of some of the Basic Musicianship sequence (see below). You will be notified the first day of class if your placement test results merit any course exemption.

Basic Musicianship Placement Testing (Theory):

Friday, August 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m., DMB-104

This testing is for students (1) who are intended music majors or non-music majors seeking approval to take Basic Musicianship for Visual and Performing Arts GER credit, (2) who have moderate to significant experience in music theory, and (3) who wish to be exempted from a portion of the Basic Musicianship sequence. If you have not previously studied music theory, or if you do not wish to test out of any of the Basic Musicianship sequence, you do not need to attend this placement test.

E-mail Dr. Benjamin Dobbs (benjamin.dobbs@furman.edu) if you have any questions.



ENSEMBLES

- ◆ Furman Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Guitar Ensemble
- ◆ Chamber Strings
- ◆ Hartness String Quartet
- ◆ Gladden String Quartet
- ◆ Cello Choir
- ◆ Wind Ensemble
- ◆ Symphonic Band
- ◆ Paladin Regiment Marching Band, Marching Drum Line, Color Guard, & Dance Team
- ◆ Basketball Pep Band
- ◆ Jazz Ensemble
- ◆ Jazz Combos
- ◆ Percussion Ensemble
- ◆ Clarinet Ensemble
- ◆ Woodwind Ensembles
- ◆ Saxophone Quartets
- ◆ Horn Ensemble
- ◆ Brass Ensembles
- ◆ Furman Singers
- ◆ Belle Voci (Women's Chorale)
- ◆ Oratorio Chorus
- ◆ Furman Lyric Theatre
- ◆ Chamber Choir

All auditions are held in the Daniel Music Building. For more information, go to furman.edu/academics/music/ and click on the "Explore Music" link, which will take you to the "Quick Links for Students, Teachers, Parents" page.