

School of Music

Theory Placement Exam Outline



Duration: 1 ½ hours

What is on the exam:

- * identify intervals
- * identify and write major and minor key signatures
- * write scales- major, minor, pentatonic, blues and modes
- * identify and write chords (including seventh chords and their inversions)
- * rhythm - write, rewrite and identify rhythmic patterns and time signatures
- * write the melody to a simple song
- * answer questions about a short musical excerpt

The applicant is also asked to write a short essay on one of four topics. The topics are drawn from these areas:

- * Classical composers
- * Jazz instruments/performers
- * Women in music
- * Favourite style of music