

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL STUDIES GUIDE

FOR MAJORS IN MUSIC WITH APPLIED INSTRUMENTAL EMPHASIS

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Introduction

This guide serves as a supplement to the University Catalog and other general policy documents produced by the OBU Division of Music. It provides an overview of the policies, procedures, and information needed for successful completion of curricular and performance requirements in the Instrumental Studies degrees.

Mission

The Mission of Oklahoma Baptist University

As a Christian liberal arts university, OBU transforms lives by equipping students to pursue academic excellence, integrate faith with all areas of knowledge, engage a diverse world, and live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ.

The Mission of the Division of Music is to educate outstanding artists who will influence and enrich individuals, schools, churches, and communities around the world by glorifying Christ through music-making. We realize this mission through music study and performance designed to develop quality core musicianship, creativity, and collaborative skills.

The Instrumental Studies Faculty holds fast to the above mission statements, and seeks to foster each individual instrumental music student in a way that allows him/her to attain continuous growth in musical skill and ability while embracing the unique opportunity to share God's truth and beauty through the art of music-making within a variety of learning and performance environments.

Succeeding in Instrumental Studies

Regardless of which degree you are pursuing in Instrumental Studies, this guide is designed to assist you from your first moments on our campus all the way to your graduation. If at any point along this journey you have ANY questions (and there will be many), please be sure to ask a faculty member for guidance and clarification. We are here to help you achieve your highest potential.

The key to success in any course of study is to understand the requirements and expectations for each step of the process, to equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to accomplish each task, and to engage in each undertaking with motivation and discipline. This guide will help orient you to these requirements and expectations, and the faculty will also be consistently supervising you and encouraging you in your progress toward the completion of your degree.

Audition Requirements

All prospective music majors with an instrumental emphasis must audition for scholarship consideration and for studio assignment. Auditions are scheduled through the Fine Arts Office after completion of the Division of Music application for admission (<https://www.okbu.edu/fine-arts/music/application.html>)

The instrumental audition consists of:

1. Winds

- Chromatic scale, full range of the instrument
- Major Scales (C, F, B-flat, E-flat, A-Flat, D-flat, G, and D- concert keys).
- Perform a prepared solo or two etudes of contrasting styles; may be done with or without accompaniment. (Admissible literature could include a movement from a major work for your instrument - Baroque, Romantic, 20th Century, etc. - or etudes extracted from a significant technique/etude repertoire study for your instrument . For example, the Karg-Elert studies (flute), Rose Studies (clarinet), or Arban Method (trumpet).
- Sight-reading will be provided.

2. Strings

- Major and minor scales in 3 octaves
- Two solo pieces or movements of contrasting style (for example, a movement of a 19th/20th-century concerto and a movement of an unaccompanied Bach sonata; or a movement of a baroque/classical concerto and a lyrical or virtuosic piece from the 19th–21st centuries.) These selections may not include tutti orchestral parts or chamber music repertoire (with the possible exception of duo sonatas for piano and string instrument. For the latter to be admissible, however, you must secure a pianist to play with you in your audition, either privately or through OBU). One of your selections may be an étude, if you wish.
- Sight-reading will be provided.

3. Percussion

- Perform one etude each on snare drum, timpani, and mallet/keyboard instrument.
- Be prepared to perform any of the *Thirteen Snare Drum Rudiments*.
- Play all of the above listed scales for Winds on a mallet instrument.
- You will be given examples to sight read on each instrument.

****Those desiring to audition for the Bison Jazz Orchestra should be prepared to play an appropriate selection from the High School Jazz Ensemble folder. Those desiring to play drum set should be able to play several styles including swing, bossa nova, samba, and shuffle.****

Although there are not specific audition requirements for music minors and non-music majors, an assessment is necessary to ensure appropriate placement in instrumental studies ensembles.

Studio Assignments

Upon acceptance to the Division of Music as an Instrumental Studies major, students will be placed in studios according to their specific instrument assignments. For a list of studio teachers, please visit <https://www.okbu.edu/fine-arts/music/faculty.html>.

Advising and Planning

Each music student is assigned an Academic Advisor to assist in planning coursework for each semester, to help him or her through the undergraduate process, and to be a guide in career planning. Typically, the advisor is the primary applied instructor, but there are times when this is not the case. Even if your applied teacher is not your Academic Advisor, be sure to consult with him or her each semester to make sure you are on track with your coursework for degree completion. Although the advisor is an invaluable resource, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to be familiar with degree plan course requirements and to be familiar with the *Academic Catalog* and *Division of Music Handbook*.

Lessons

Applied lessons consist of individual instruction, are scheduled on a weekly basis, and last either 25 minutes or 50 minutes depending on the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the specific attendance policy found in your teacher's syllabus. All lessons missed by your teacher will be re-scheduled later at a mutually convenient time. Although your teacher may choose to provide a make-up lesson when you are the one responsible for the cancellation, no teacher is required to make-up a lesson that he/she did not postpone.

Applied lessons are the foundation of growth and achievement in performance studies. It is during this time that an instructor can focus specifically on a student's gaps in knowledge or weaknesses in technique and can plot a course from the initial audition to professional competency in performance by the time of graduation. Because of this, it is extremely important that expectations, goals, and requirements are communicated and understood between the instructor and student. These discussions can and should take place before, during, and after the lesson, as well as outside of the lesson. Although some specific requirements are outlined below in regard to performance expectations, if there is ever any question regarding these goals and expectations from lesson to lesson, be sure to ask your instructor for clarification.

Practice

Daily practice requirements for each degree reflect the number of credit hours enrolled in applied study (1 credit hour = 1 hour of practice each day). The amount of repertoire to be learned, as well as its difficulty, is also a reflection of the number of credit hours. A 2-credit hour course will require more repertoire to be learned and at a higher level of difficulty than a 1-credit hour course, thus necessitating the additional hour of practice each day. The level of difficulty also increases with each semester of study, so that upon graduation each student has reached a level of professional competency for his or her specific degree. Practice management and techniques will be discussed throughout the semester at lessons and studio classes. Again, if there are

questions regarding practice methods, practice time management, or the goals and expectations for weekly or semester performances, please ask your instructor for clarification.

Instrumental Seminar

All students with a primary instrumental emphasis must register for Instrumental Seminar (MUPR 1300), in which students gain experience performing music before a larger group than their professor's studio class. Those not performing will hear instrumental repertoire that broadens their knowledge of the literature while supporting their departmental colleagues. Students enrolled in Instrumental Seminar are required to perform at least twice (i.e. two separate pieces) each semester. In addition to student performances, the hour includes discussions or presentations on topics relevant to instrumental study as well as listening to and viewing performances by masters on different instruments.

General Recital

General Recitals consist of performances by students throughout the Division of Music, and are scheduled on various dates throughout the semester (please consult the Division of Music calendar or recital attendance syllabus). Students with instrumental emphasis are required to perform at least once each semester on a General Recital, but only after a successful performance of the same material in Instrumental Seminar, as evaluated by their applied instructor. Please work with your applied teacher to plan the scheduling of performances accordingly. Also note that the General Recital Performance Request form (included in this guide and available in the Fine Arts office and linked here: <https://www.okbu.edu/fine-arts/music/music-student-handbooks.html>) requires the signature of the student, teacher, and accompanist (if any) and is due to the Fine Arts office at least two weeks before each recital. Recital slots will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Mid-semester Boards

Once every semester, around the seven week marker, all enrolled students with an Instrumental emphasis- *no exceptions*- are required to appear before a jury of faculty members for a mid-semester board. The jury will be 10 minutes in length. The board will evaluate the following:

1. **Scale/Technique proficiency**- based on appropriate level of scale (see p. 18-19)
2. **Etude/Orchestral Excerpt**- an exercise, as assigned by studio teacher, that demonstrates progress towards technical and musical achievement.
3. **Hymn/Folk Song**- performance (from memory) of a hymn or folk song, as well as transposition into new key.
 - a. See list of hymns and folk songs on p. ?
 - b. **Year 1 Transposition Keys:** C, F, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat/C-sharp (Majors)
 - c. **Year 2 Transposition Keys:** G-flat/F-sharp, B, E, A, D, G (Majors)
 - d. **Year 3 Transposition Keys:** relative minors, all keys
 - e. **Year 4 Transposition Keys:** modes
4. **Program notes**- consist of a minimum of one paragraph for each assigned piece for the end-of-semester jury and should address the following:
 - The style in which each song is written and how that may affect the singing
 - Pertinent facts about the composer, particularly related to the work being studied
 - Thought-provoking concepts about the song itself and/or its interpretation

Performance Juries

A performance jury is the equivalent to the final exam in applied music study. All music majors with an area of emphasis in instrumental study are required to perform a jury at the end of the semester (unless a degree recital was given during the latter half of the semester). Those studying instrumental music for elective are also required to take a jury.

Performance juries for those with instrumental emphasis are generally scheduled during the final week of classes each semester. You will be informed at your first lesson, studio class, and seminar of the exact date and time of the juries. Jury performances are closed to the public, including family and friends, although they may be recorded provided the endeavor is not disruptive. The faculty may also record jury examinations for archival purposes.

Jury requirements for those with instrumental emphasis last 15 minutes, and generally include a demonstration of varied repertoire appropriate to the students' level and progress. When choosing repertoire to study and perform on each jury, you and your teacher should consider the following:

- Each year, the composite of the two juries should reflect preparation and understanding of a variety of style periods. By the Sophomore Barrier jury, the student should demonstrate a broad understanding of each of the major style periods.
- Juries in the fall of the Junior and Senior year need not be limited to material in preparation for the respective degree recitals. Students are encouraged to continue filling in gaps in their repertoire and style knowledge with smaller pieces in addition to those being prepared for a solo recital.

Before arriving at your jury, be sure to fill out the **Applied Jury Report** (included below in this guide and available here: <https://www.okbu.edu/fine-arts/music/music-student-handbooks.html>). This is due the week before juries to the Canvas module provided by the Instrumental Area. (Students are automatically enrolled in Canvas when enrolled in the course.) This sheet documents your study of repertoire from a variety of style periods, allowing the Instrumental faculty to gage your growth.

Those with instrumental emphasis should also fill out a **Jury Adjudication Sheet** (included in this guide and available from your applied instructor) for *each* applied faculty member on the panel. **Three copies of the repertoire performed for the jury** should also be included for the panel, which can also be uploaded to Canvas. Electronic copies are preferred.

If at any time you are unsure as to the jury requirements for your degree plan, please speak to your applied instructor. Your jury requirements should be made clear to you within the first lessons of the semester and will help to determine the focus of your study for the semester.

Jury grades are given as the average of the grades from each faculty member on the jury panel. Although the exact weight of the jury grade in the final semester grade remains at the discretion of the applied teacher, it is the policy of the Instrumental Studies area that a final semester grade cannot be more than one letter removed from your composite jury grade. The faculty use the **Jury Rubric** to evaluate your performance and assign the grade.

In summation, each student should provide the following forms to each jury (via online submission):

1. **Applied Jury Report** (linked on Canvas and on the DoM webpage- upload to Canvas)
2. **Scanned Copies of the repertoire performed for juries** (uploaded to Canvas)
3. **Sophomore Barrier Form (Wind, Percussion, Strings)** (if applicable- upload to Canvas)
4. **Sophomore Barrier Form (Division of Music)** (uploaded to Canvas, found here: <https://www.okbu.edu/fine-arts/music/music-student-handbooks.html>)

Milestones by Year

Freshman Advisory

Before enrolling for the sophomore year of study, each student will receive feedback from various music professors in a process called the Freshman Advisory (see the Music Student Handbook for details). This process is a formative process, rather than a summative one, and in regard to applied studies it is an opportunity for the instrumental faculty to help the student to gauge his or her progress along the course from the initial audition, to the upcoming Sophomore Barrier, to Junior and Senior degree recitals, and to the ultimate goal of professional competency at graduation.

Sophomore Barrier

Any student pursuing a degree from the Division of Music and having instrumental studies as the primary instrument must successfully complete a barrier examination during the fourth semester of applied study (after a minimum of 6 credit hours is completed). The exam must be passed in order for the student to continue in the chosen degree program and to be admitted to the junior level of applied instrumental study.

If the exam is not passed, the following options are offered:

1. The student may change to another degree within the Division of Music, if it is felt the requisite level of skill has been met for one of these degree programs.
2. Retake the exam after one more semester of study. If the student chooses this option but is unsuccessful in the second attempt to pass the exam, the student must choose an alternate area of study outside of the instrumental area.
3. Change to another applied instrument, remaining a music major (assuming acceptance by audition into another area).
4. Change to a degree outside of music.

Please see the included **Sophomore Barrier Form, p. 16** for the full list of requirements for the exam. It is important to note that the musical elements listed must be evident across a variety of major style periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Romantic, and Modern/Contemporary). The faculty will also consider the student's performance in Theory and Aural Skills as reported by the theory faculty, to make sure the student has the adequate knowledge base to successfully complete upper-level study.

After considering all of the elements of the Sophomore Barrier, the instrumental faculty will determine that the student has 1) Passed the Exam, 2) Passed, but with serious reservations, 3) Not Passed the Exam. If there are reservations regarding the student continuing to upper division study or the student has not passed, the reasons will be explained in writing by the instrumental faculty.

Junior and Senior Recitals

Application forms for scheduling degree recitals are available in the Fine Arts office. For Fall semester recitals, these forms are due by April 15. For Spring semester recitals, the forms are due by October 1. Other information regarding procedures for Division of Music Junior and Senior Recitals is available in a packet provided by the Fine Arts office.

With the help of the applied teacher, students may choose whether to perform both a junior and senior recital, or just a senior recital. In the case of some student teachers pursuing the BMED, students may perform a Senior recital during the Spring semester of the Junior year.

The applied teacher will determine the repertoire that is most appropriate for each degree recital, considering the current strengths present in a student's ability as well as weaknesses yet to be overcome. At the undergraduate level, the degree recital should reflect, as much as possible, a broad understanding of each of the various style periods.

Timing on a single recital may not make this possible, so in the event that a style period is absent or under-represented on the Junior Recital, it should be given greater consideration on the Senior Recital.

Recital Levels/Time Requirements:

- **The senior BME student recitalist should prepare 25-30 minutes of music.**
- **The BMA senior recitalist should contain 40-50 minutes of music.**

Recital Hearing

Before performing any on-campus recital (degree or non-degree), students must pass a recital hearing. Instrumental recital hearings schedule at least four (4) weeks in advance of the approved recital date. The student and teacher will complete the Recital Hearing Approval Form (available in the Fine Arts office) and submit it to the Instrumental Area Coordinator, who will work with the student and the applied instrumental faculty to find a mutually acceptable time for the hearing. Instrumental faculty will hear the program in its entirety and will 1) approve the recital, 2) require a partial re-hearing, 3) require a complete rehearing. A complete rehearing may necessitate the rescheduling of the recital to accommodate the 4-week advanced approval requirement.

Recital Grading

Recitals are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. The grade is determined by the average of three faculty members: applied instructor, full time instrumental faculty, one other music faculty member. Wherever possible, grading faculty members should be from the Instrumental Area. Otherwise, an outside faculty member may be invited. It is up to the student to communicate invitation, date, and time of the recital to grading faculty members.

Other Opportunities

Throughout your course of study there will be numerous other opportunities to perform and compete. These opportunities include the OBU Concerto-Aria competition, OMTA competitions (only string instruments are eligible), and state and regional events. Your teacher will help you to navigate which of these opportunities is appropriate for you.

Additional Considerations for Success

Health

Eat well, stay hydrated, and get plenty of sleep. It is important that you give your body the fuel it needs to think clearly and work most efficiently. Being tired or without proper nourishment not only makes you less effective, but leaves you much more prone to injury. Your brain processes information when you are resting and your body repairs itself best during sleep. If time management issues make staying healthy a challenge, speak with your teacher for guidance.

Proper body usage and technique will be addressed throughout your instrumental studies education at OBU, in lessons, studio classes, and seminars. However, physical issues still happen. If at any time you are experiencing pain or discomfort in your technique, in any way, please speak with your applied teacher immediately. They will help you to navigate the issue, which may include referring you to a doctor or physical therapist. Often if an issue is caught early enough, it can be managed with a slight change in technique.

Dress

There is no specific dress code in the instrumental department for lessons or studio work. However, shoes must always be worn and Christian modesty and respect should always be kept in mind. For seminar performances, General Recitals, and juries, please dress professionally. This does not mean that formal attire is required (i.e. a tux or formal dress), but that it should be evident that the performer is taking his or her art seriously, respecting both themselves and the audience.

For degree recitals, men should wear a jacket (or vest) and a tie. Women should be sure that dresses allow them to move freely at the instrument, with the hemline falling below the knees (while sitting, if appropriate for your instrument). It is important to remember that modesty and fashion are not opposites, and that one's wardrobe should not distract the audience from the music being performed.

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General Recital Performance Request

Date Received: _____
Time Received: _____
Received by: _____

Note:

- Completed forms must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. two full weeks prior to the date of the General Recital.
- The total recital time must not exceed 45 minutes. Performers will be included as time allows and in the order the request is submitted.
- Program information will be printed as indicated below. Illegible or incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Final printed programs will be posted two days prior to the performance date.

Date Requested: _____

Name: _____ Performance Area: _____
First Last (ex. Trumpet, Soprano, Piano, Composition)

Degree: _____ Classification: _____
(ex. BM – Music Education) (ex. Sophomore)

Composition Title: _____ From: _____
Use the back of this form if more space is required. Title of larger work (if applicable)

Composer: _____ Dates: _____
(Year of Birth – Year of Death)

Arranger: _____ Dates: _____
(if applicable) (Year of Birth – Year of Death)

Length of Performance: _____

Applied Teacher: _____ Signature: _____

Accompanist: _____ Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional Performers (Use the back of this form if more names should be listed.)

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Instrument/Voice Part:</i>	<i>Initials:</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Performance Comments:

Technical Skills:

- The student has achieved an appropriate level of technical skill in the applied area.
- The student is making progress toward an appropriate level of technical skill in the applied area.
- The student lacks an appropriate level of technical skill in the applied area.

Evidence of Technical Skill:

Sight-Reading Skills:

- The student has achieved an appropriate skill level performing music at sight in the applied area.
- The student demonstrates progress toward an appropriate level of sight-reading skill in the applied area.
- The student lacks an appropriate skill level performing music at sight in the applied area.

Evidence of Sight-reading Skill:

General Comments:

INSTRUMENTAL JURY SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENTS:

- Before signing up, please confer with your studio teacher and accompanist to ensure their availability. **Do not sign up for a jury time unless you have cleared it with your studio teacher.**
- All juries are 15 minutes
- Students performing a double jury (scale proficiency) should sign up for 2 slots (30 minutes).
- Upload to Canvas:
 - Completed Instrumental Jury Form **and** your music (you can find jury forms here: <https://www.okbu.edu/fine-arts/music/music-student-handbooks.html>).
 - You will not be permitted to perform your jury if you do not have copies of your music or your forms completed.
- Jury performances are held in **Yarborough**. Please be 15 minutes early to your appointment.

**OBU Instrumental Juries
Assessment Rubric
Applied Instructor**

Name:	Instrument:		Semester/yr:		
	1 Not Acceptable	2 Deficient	3 Acceptable	4 Advanced	5 Exceptional
PERFORMANCE FACILITY					
Technique 1 2 3 4 5	No evidence of efficiency in the mechanics of the instrument.	Little evidence of efficiency in the mechanics of the instrument.	Some evidence of efficiency in the mechanics of the instrument with some weakness.	Evidence of efficiency and understanding in the mechanics of the instrument.	Accurate efficiency and understanding in the mechanics of the instrument.
Intonation 1 2 3 4 5	No sense of tonal center in tonal music; lack of center and focus.	Intonation accurate most of the time, but needs significant improvement.	Accurate intonation is consistent with minor problems.	Focused, accurate intonation across most of the ranges, tempi and dynamic levels.	Focused, accurate intonation across all ranges, tempi and dynamic levels.
Tone 1 2 3 4 5	Unclear, unfocused tone in all ranges and dynamic levels. Uncharacteristic sound.	Acceptable tone only in mid-range. Extended range need significant improvement.	Focused, characteristic sounds with minor problems.	Clear, focused, characteristic sounds across most ranges and dynamic levels.	Clear, focused, and energized characteristic sounds across all ranges and dynamic levels.
Articulation/Diction 1 2 3 4 5	Inappropriate articulation or unclear diction. No clarity. Difficult to understand language. Incorrect language.	Some clarity to articulation, however, significant improvement is needed.	Attempts appropriate articulation/diction. Precise diction is attempted with minor problems.	Appropriate articulation/diction for the music. Clear and understandable. Diction is accurate for the language.	Appropriate articulation/diction for the music. Clear and understandable with a variety of articulations throughout. Diction is precise and accurate for the language throughout.
Rhythm 1 2 3 4 5	No discernable pulse. Inaccurate rhythms throughout.	Multiple rhythmic errors. Rhythm does not contribute to the expressive whole, rather draws attention to flaws.	Some sense of steady pulse with only a few minor errors.	Rhythmically precise. Employs rubato for expression.	Rhythmically precise. Tasteful use of rubato or other rhythmic alteration choices. Employs rhythmic pulse or alterations for expressive purposes.

OBU Instrumental Jury Rubric
Jury Panel

Name:	Classification:	Sem./Yr.
Instrument:	Adjudicator:	

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	5 Points	
Musical Elements						
<i>Proficiency with and accuracy of musical elements; including pitch, rhythm, text articulation, and score accuracy</i>	Accuracy of musical elements does not meet minimal expectations (many noticeable mistakes)	Accuracy of musical elements meets minimal competency (a few noticeable mistakes)	Accuracy of elements is achieved most of the time	Accuracy of elements is proficient and well established	Precise demonstration of musical elements is demonstrated	_____
Command of Instrument						
<i>Represents the student's ability to control their instrument with musical intent</i>	Command of instrument is below minimum expectations (demonstrates little technical control of the instrument)	Command of instrument demonstrates potential for musical growth	Command of instrument has achieved a point where musical maturity is possible	Command of instrument is proficient	Command of instrument demonstrates potential for professional success	_____
Presentation						
<i>Ability to be expressive with regard to phrasing, inflection, and style, as well as collaborate musically with others</i>	Presentation demonstrates a lack of sensitivity to musical expression	Presentation demonstrates a potential for musical growth	Ability to present a musical performance has achieve a point where musical maturity is possible	Presentation demonstrates that the ability to perform musically is proficient	Ability to perform musically demonstrates potential for professional success	_____
						Total _____

Rate the student, according to the above scale, in each of the 3 areas. An area score of "5" would describe a professional musician in a major performing ensemble. The goal of this rubric is to track musician development as compared to an established professional standard.

Sophomore Barrier Form for Instrumental Studies

DESCRIPTION

Any student pursuing a degree from the Division of Music and having instrumental studies as his/her primary instrument must successfully complete a barrier examination after four semesters of study (with a minimum of 8 credit hours of applied study). The exam must be passed in order for the student to continue in his/her chosen degree program and to be admitted to the junior level of applied instrumental study.

Transfer students may schedule a Sophomore Barrier following four semesters of private lessons at any accredited institution and the completion of at least one semester of private lessons in the Division of Music of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Purpose: To make certain that the student's progress is more than adequate to continue and satisfactorily complete the requirements in his or her specific degree program. This enables the OBU Division of Music and Department of Instrumental Studies to maintain the high standards consistent with OBU's reputation and to favorably reflect our mission and ensure the future success of our students.

Consequence: The Barrier Exam must be passed in order for the student to continue in their chosen degree program and be admitted to the junior level of applied study. If the exam is not passed, the following options are offered:

1. Change to a different music degree program, if it is felt the requisite level of skill has been met for one of these degree programs.
2. Retake the exam after one more semester of study.*
3. Change to another applied instrument, remaining a music major (assuming acceptance by audition into another area).
4. Change to a degree outside of music

*If the student chooses option #2 but is unsuccessful in the second attempt to pass the exam, the student must choose an alternate area of study outside of instrumental music.

Assessment: At the end of four semesters of applied instrumental study (with a minimum of 8 credit hours), the following requirements must be met (substitutions may be made with approval of applied teacher):

Be able to demonstrate the following aspects common to all instrumental music majors:

1. Tone: ability to demonstrate characteristic tone quality for the instrument
2. Phrasing: shaping and articulation of melodic ideas within solo repertoire
3. Communication: convey the intentions of the composer and the style of the genre and style period
4. Accuracy: demonstrate written rhythms and pitches
5. Presence: demonstrate confidence and poise in performance, and, where applicable, memory, as determined by the teacher
6. Rate of learning: demonstrate timely progress
7. Style: The repertoire performed in the preceding juries and inclusive of the sophomore barrier must reflect preparation and understanding of a variety of styles.

As part of the final assessment for the sophomore instrumental barrier exam, the instrumental faculty will consider the student's performance in Theory and Aural Skills.

Material/Repertoire for Sophomore Barrier:

Winds/Percussion:

1. Scale Proficiency, at least to Proficiency Level 2
2. Composite repertoire from Semesters 1-4 of applied study shows a variety of style periods and styles
3. One movement from a Concerto or Sonata, etc. (Classical, Romantic, or post-1900). A single-movement concert piece is also sufficient
4. Two other pieces of choice representing remaining style periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or post-1900)

Strings:

1. Scales at least to Proficiency Level 3
2. One movement of a solo Bach sonata/partita/suite or a baroque piece of comparable difficulty approved by the instructor
3. The outer movement of a Classical, Romantic, or post-1900 concerto (a single-movement concert piece is also sufficient)
4. Two other pieces of choice representing the remaining periods (Classical, Romantic, or post-1900)

*Concertos, unaccompanied works, and concert/salon-pieces should be memorized. Duo-sonatas need not be memorized.

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Sophomore Barrier for Instrumental Applied Study
WINDS/PERCUSSION

NAME: _____ DEGREE: _____

Applied Instrumental Study to Date

Course Number	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade Received

Total Credit Hours Granted in Applied Instrumental Study: _____

Winds/Percussion Scale Proficiency Levels Passed

Level (Each level is the composite of those that precede it)	Semester and Year Passed
1 – Major scales, Range of Instrument Chromatic Scale, Range of Instrument Major Arpeggios, Range of Instrument Percussion Only: plus Rudiments, as determined by instructor	
2 – Harmonic/Melodic Minor Scales, Range of Instrument Minor Arpeggios Percussion Only: plus Rudiments, as determined by instructor	
3 – Major Scales in Thirds, Range of Instrument Variety of articulations Percussion Only: plus Rudiments, as determined by instructor	
4 – Harmonic Minor Scales in Thirds, Range of Instrument Variety of articulations Percussion Only: plus Rudiments, as determined by instructor	
5 – Teacher Discretion (please indicate) (Can include other Dominant Seventh arpeggios, modal scales, octatonic, whole-tone scales, scales in 4ths, etc)	

Winds/Percussion Sophomore Barrier Form 1/3

Jury Repertoire (inclusive of Sophomore Barrier)

Semester and Year	Repertoire Performed	Style Period Represented	Grade Received

Does the performed repertoire above reflect preparation and understanding of a variety of style periods? Indicate those style periods reflected in student's repertoire with comments regarding aptitude for future performance of those periods not yet covered.

	Yes	No	<u>Comments (optional)</u>
Baroque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Classical (sonata)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Romantic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Modern/Contemporary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Comments regarding student's ability to demonstrate the aspects of performance listed on Sophomore Barrier Assessment Criteria:

Theory and Aural Skills Assessment (in consultation with Theory Faculty)

This is the first attempt at the Sophomore Barrier

This is the second attempt at the Sophomore Barrier

	Passed	Passed, but with Serious Reservations	Not Passed
Sophomore Barrier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If "with Serious Reservations" or "Not Passed," please explain:

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Sophomore Barrier for Instrumental Applied Study
STRINGS

NAME: _____

DEGREE: _____

Applied Instrumental Study to Date

Course Number	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade Received

Total Credit Hours Granted in Applied Instrumental Study: _____

Violin Scale Proficiency Levels Passed

Level	Semester and Year Passed
1 – 3-octave major and minor scales, 12 notes per bow 3-octave arpeggio series, 3 (4) notes per bow Major scales in thirds, two notes per bow Major scale in octaves, two notes per bow	
2 – 3-octave major and minor scales, 24 notes per bow 3-octave arpeggio series, 6 (8) notes per bow Major scale in thirds, 4 notes per bow Major scale in octaves, 4 notes per bow	
3 – Level 2 plus: Arpeggio series, 9 (12) notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in thirds, 4 notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in octaves, 4 notes per bow Major scale in tenths, 2 notes per bow	
4 – Level 3 plus: Arpeggio series, 18 (24) notes per bow Major scale in thirds, 8 notes per bow Major scale in octaves, 8 notes per bow Major scale in fingered octaves, 2 notes per bow Major scale in tenths, 4 notes per bow	
5 – Level 4 plus: Harmonic minor scale in 3rds, 8 notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in octaves, 8 notes per bow Harmonic scale in fingered octaves, 2 notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in tenths, 4 notes per bow	
6 – Level 5 plus: Scales in fingered octaves, 4 notes per bow Scales in tenths, 8 notes per bow	

Strings Sophomore Barrier Form 1/5

Viola Scale Proficiency Levels Passed

Level	Semester and Year Passed
1 – 3-octave major and minor scales, 12 notes per bow 3-octave arpeggio series, 3 (4) notes per bow Major scales in thirds, two notes per bow Major scale in octaves, two notes per bow	
2 – 3-octave major and minor scales, 24 notes per bow 3-octave arpeggio series, 6 (8) notes per bow Major scale in thirds, 4 notes per bow Major scale in octaves, 4 notes per bow	
3 – Level 2 plus: Arpeggio series, 9 (12) notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in thirds, 4 notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in octaves, 4 notes per bow	
4 – Level 3 plus: Arpeggio series, 18 (24) notes per bow Major scale in thirds, 8 notes per bow Major scale in octaves, 8 notes per bow	
5 – Level 4 plus: Harmonic minor scale in 3rds, 8 notes per bow Harmonic minor scale in octaves, 8 notes per bow	
6 – Teacher discretion	

Guitar Scale Proficiency Levels Passed

Level	Semester and Year Passed
1 – Major and minor scales Major chords	
2 – Level 1 plus: Major scale in thirds Minor chords	
3 – Level 2 plus: Arpeggio series Harmonic minor scale in thirds	
4 – Level 3 plus: I-vi-IV-V chords in all major keys	
5 – Level 4 plus: Chord progressions in minor keys	
6 – Teacher discretion	

Jury Repertoire (inclusive of Sophomore Barrier)

Semester and Year	Repertoire Performed	Style Period Represented	Grade Received

Does the performed repertoire above reflect preparation and understanding of these style periods:

	Yes	No
Baroque (contrapuntal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classical (sonata)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Romantic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modern/Contemporary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments (optional)

Strings Sophomore Barrier Form 4/5

Comments regarding student's ability to demonstrate the aspects of performance listed on Sophomore Barrier Assessment Criteria:

Theory and Aural Skills Assessment (in consultation with Theory Faculty)

This is the first attempt at the Sophomore Barrier

This is the second attempt at the Sophomore Barrier

	Passed	Passed, but with Serious Reservations	Not Passed
Sophomore Barrier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Strings Sophomore Barrier Form 5/5

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Mid-Semester Boards

Approved Repertoire for Folk Song/Hymn Performance

First Year

Alouette
Alphabet Song (Twinkle, Twinkle)
Amazing Grace
Ants Go Marching
Are You Sleeping?
Baa Baa Black Sheep
I'm a Little Tea Pot
Ja Da
Joy to the World
London Bridge
Mary Had a Little Lamb
Ode to Joy
Row Row Row Your Boat
This Old Man
Three Blind Mice
When the Saints

Second Year

A Tisket A Tasket
All Through the Night
America
Camptown Races
Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing
Do Your Ears Hang Low
Eensy Weensy Spider
The Farmer in the Dell
Hickory Dickory Dock
Hush Little Baby
Kookaburra
Long Long Ago
O Christmas Tree
Old MacDonald
Polly Wolly Doodle
Ring around a Rosy

Skip to my Lou
When the Saints

Third Year

Abide with Me
America
Be Thou My Vision
Down by the Riverside
The First Noel
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Irish Tune from County Derry (Oh, Danny Boy)
Kum Bay Yah
Old Hundred (Psalm Tune)
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Over the Rainbow
This Little Light of Mine
You are my Sunshine

Fourth Year

All Creatures of our God and King
A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod)
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
Last Rose of Summer (Irish Folk Song)
Meditation: Thais- Massenet
Scarborough Fair
Holy, Holy, Holy
The Swan (Saint Saens)
What a Friend We Have in Jesus