

# Tuning Up: First-Year Essentials for Music Majors at CWRU

Welcome to the CWRU Department of Music! As you prepare to begin your studies, here's your **First-Year Roadmap** to help you navigate the weeks ahead:

## 1. Confirm Your Music Major Status

- **Music Arts Supplement:** If you submitted a successful supplement, you've been accepted into the music or music education major.
- **Entrance Audition:** If you did not submit a supplement but wish to pursue a music major, you may submit a **video Entrance Audition** by **August 1**.
- **Major Declaration:** First-year students officially declare their music major during orientation week by completing a form approved by their academic representative.

## 2. Participate in Orientation Activities

- **Orientation/Discover Week (August 17–24):** A required week of class scheduling, community-building, and learning about campus resources. 🙌 [Get Details >>](#)
- **Music New Student Orientation:** Meet music faculty and fellow students, and learn about program expectations.
- **Ensembles Overview:** Learn about auditions, school-owned instruments, lockers, practice rooms, and ensemble participation.  
**Contact:** Dr. Kathleen Horvath (✉ [kah24@case.edu](mailto:kah24@case.edu)), Area Head for Ensembles  
*Coordinator of the overview session for all new students.*

## 3. Register for Courses

All first-year music majors must register for:

- **MUTH 111** – Elements of Music Theory I (Seminar)
- **MUTH 161** – Elements of Musicianship I (Lab)
- **MUAP 121** – Principal Performance I (Primary lessons by instrument/voice)
- **MUEN** – Ensembles (Primary ensemble by instrument/voice or secondary ensembles)

You will also work with your faculty advisor to select additional music courses that align with your degree requirements and interests.

**Music (BA):** Dr. Benjamin Helton, Coordinator of UG Studies in Music (BA)

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#### 4. Audition for Ensembles and Register for Lessons

- **Ensemble Participation:** Open to all students – explore orchestras, choirs, bands, and more. 📄 [Ensembles List + Participation Info >>](#)  
Music majors will receive an assigned audition time to be held on **Monday, August 25**. The schedule will be posted around **August 12**. 📄 [Prepare For Your Audition >>](#)
- **Primary Applied Music Lessons:** Register for **MUAP 121** for private lessons on your primary instrument or voice. 📄 [JMP Faculty and Instructors >>](#)  
Studio assignments will be emailed by early August by [Jennifer Wright](#), Manager of Department Operations.
- **Recital Class:** A required component of applied lessons for music majors.
  - **Instructor:** [Dr. Christopher Clark](#)
  - Meets **Wednesdays, 3:20–4:10 PM** in **Harkness Chapel**
  - Listed in SIS as **“Section 900: Recital”**
  - Attendance is mandatory; all students must perform at least once during the year.

#### 5. Secure an Instrument Locker

- **Instrumental Majors:** Assigned a locker in **Denison Hall**, accessible daily from **8 AM–10 PM** starting Monday of Discover Week.  
Assignments will be emailed **Friday before Discover Week** by [Nicholas Strawn](#), Performance and Operations Assistant.
- **Vocalists or Secondary Instruments:** May request a locker using the Locker Request Form.  
📄 [Lockers + Borrowing Instruments >>](#)

#### 6. Student Resources

- 📄 [Student Resources >>](#)
- 📄 [Facilities + Policies >>](#)
- 📄 [First-Year Guide >>](#)

#### 7. Stay Connected

- **CampusGroups:** Join the [Department of Music on CampusGroups >>](#) to stay informed about events and activities.
- **CWRU Music Message Board:** Music majors are automatically added to this Google Group. Be sure to check your **CWRU Gmail** regularly for important updates from the department.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our administrative office!

**Welcome to the CWRU music community!**

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