



1. What is required in order to get accepted into the music major or minor at Mars Hill?

Becoming a music major or minor at Mars Hill is a two-step process.

- First, you must be accepted to Mars Hill through the regular admissions process. This can be done online at www.mhu.edu/admissions.
- Second, once accepted to the university, you must also be accepted as a music major or minor by the faculty in your applied area by virtue of an Entrance Audition/Evaluation. In order to receive more information about this directly from the professor for your instrument or voice type, [click here](#).

2. What is the Entrance Audition/Evaluation Process?

The Entrance Audition/Evaluation process is individually based and unique to each area/instrument. However, each audition consists of an assessment of your performance ability and an evaluation of your musical knowledge and skill.

3. Why do you evaluate musical skill and knowledge as a part of the audition process?

We do this to ensure your success! The purpose of the evaluation is to make certain we place you correctly in your sequence of study. Knowing that we have students with a wide range of backgrounds, we have designed our program to accommodate many different skill sets. This evaluation helps us place you in the correct entry point for you!

4. What if I'm not sure if I want to major in music?

First, don't panic! This is not uncommon, but here is what you should know and consider. The music major (unlike most other majors) blends study in music with your general education courses (math, English, science, etc.) over all four years. So, in most instances, it's to your advantage to start in music if this is something you think you might like to pursue. You can discuss this in greater detail with your major professor as you sort through this process.

6. What about community college for the first year? Is this a good idea if I want to major in music?

While community colleges do great things, and while most courses will transfer, whether or not this is a good route for you really depends on the details. Most importantly, you would need to see what music courses you would be able to take/transfer in from your community college. We can help you with this!

7. Does Mars Hill offer Music Scholarships?

Yes, but our music scholarship awards are packaged with the other offers you will receive from financial aid. So, in addition to music awards, you will most likely also receive academic awards and need based assistance. The best way to start this process is to apply to the university (as this will give you an initial sense of what kinds of awards we can offer). Then, as a part of your Entrance Audition, you may also be awarded additional music scholarship (based upon the quality of your audition). Please note, for music scholarship consideration, you should audition prior to March 1 of your senior year.

8. What if I decide not to major in music, can I still be in music?

Absolutely! We have students in our ensembles from all across our campus. Additionally, many of our courses (and private instruction) are open to non-major registration. [The key is to let us know of your interest.](#)