

For the best success in any music program you will want to know the fundamentals of music theory before you start your first day of college.

Do You Know YOUR Fundamentals of Music Theory?

Music Fundamentals Diagnostic Exam

It is important that you begin your academic work in music with a good basic foundation in music theory fundamentals. This is expected of all entering music majors. To assist you in determining how ready you are, we have developed a music fundamentals review web page at www.music.iastate.edu/theory. This web page will help you prepare over the summer prior to the start of classes. If you attend June orientation in person, you will have the opportunity to take a short preliminary diagnostic exam, which will help you to determine what you need to prepare ahead of theory classes in the fall. You will receive quick feedback, so that you can know on what areas you did well and upon which areas you need to improve. If you do not succeed in a particular area of the exam or are unavailable to take it during orientation, the exam will also be administered at **11:30AM on Sunday August 25, 2024**. If further help is required, we will arrange for you to take a six-week theory preparation course alongside your regular theory class. This short course is specifically designed to ensure that you have a successful start in the curriculum for music majors. If you are a transfer student please consult the link above to learn about advanced course placement.

For more information about Music Theory at ISU, please contact either Dr. Julie Sturm at jksturm@iastate.edu or Dr. Kris Bryden at kabryden@iastate.edu.

SUGGESTED FREE INTERNET RESOURCES



<http://www.musictheory.net/> - This site offers a variety of short lessons on various topics. The topics relevant to fundamentals include basics, rhythm and meter, scales, key signatures, intervals, and chords.



<http://teoria.com/> - The tutorials and exercises on this site offer some good explanations and opportunities to learn and practice clefs, intervals, key signatures, and triads.



www.gmajormusictheory.org - Lessons 1–10 under Music Theory Resources provide some excellent practice of fundamentals



<http://musictheory.pugetsound.edu/mt21c/MusicTheory.html> The first six units focus on fundamentals.



https://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/johnito/music_theory/fundamentals/FundMain.html.

John Paul Ito's Music Theory Website has a section on fundamentals with videos of the indicated topics.

<https://www.artusimusic.com>

This site offers an interactive textbook as well as worksheets which are automatically corrected and covers fundamentals through much more advanced concepts making it a good resource for both the Fundamentals Diagnostic Test but also for the Advanced Placement Test.

For other learning resources check out our website at:
<https://www.music.iastate.edu/theory>

