

GRADUATE DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINATIONS

Incoming graduate students (including MSM students) are required to take DIAGNOSTIC EXAMS in MUSIC HISTORY and MUSIC THEORY. Students are expected to demonstrate skills and knowledge in aural skills and theoretical materials equivalent to those of graduating seniors who have met general requirements in these areas at S.M.U.

Students who fail the diagnostic examinations will be required to enroll for Graduate Theory Review (MUTH 6000) and/or Graduate History Review (MUHI 6000). The successful passing of exams or the above-named courses are prerequisite for all graduate-level theory and history courses; **STUDENTS CANNOT BE ADVISED INTO, NOR ENROLL IN, GRADUATE-LEVEL MUTH or MUHI COURSES IF THEY MISS THE EXAMS.**

Music Theory Examination:

Room 2020, Owen Arts Center Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:30-9:30 PM

Aural Skills: Identification of scales, intervals, and chord types; melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic dictation (45 minutes)

Written Skills: A comprehensive test covering fundamentals (intervals, scales, chord types), traditional harmony, form and contrapuntal analysis, as well as theory terms and practices related to contemporary music (1 1/2 hours).

A comprehensive study guide and diagnostic self-assessments will be available online later this summer. Melissa Murray will announce more details via the Facebook group for entering MM/PD students; please be certain you have joined this group. The automated self-assessments will be an excellent way to practice for the actual exams, but they will not directly affect your placement or results on the actual diagnostic examinations in August. Further information about the content of the exams is available online at:

<http://www.smu.edu/Meadows/AreasOfStudy/Music/StudentResources>

Music History Examination:

Room 2020, Owen Arts Center Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:30-9:00 PM

Please see "MUHI Diagnostic Letter 2015" (attached separately) for details about preparation

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The cost of review courses is NOT covered by scholarship, grants or tuition waiver. It is to the student's financial and academic advantage to prepare seriously for the diagnostic examinations.