Audition Requirements: Music Majors

Guitar

Prospective Music Majors must successfully complete an Entrance Audition prior to acceptance into any music degree. The Entrance Audition will also serve as the Scholarship Audition for qualified students. Although all students will be considered for scholarship, preference will be given to students who audition prior to March 15th of their senior year.

All music major degree programs require fulfillment of large ensemble credits. Since guitar does not typically function in a large ensemble, music majors whose applied area is guitar must choose a large ensemble (orchestra/band/choir) based on their competency.

Those who play an orchestral or band instrument will need to audition on that instrument, as well as guitar, and should follow the requirements for said instrument. Those who do not play a secondary instrument will choose choral as their large ensemble and must show competency with respect to pitch matching on the theory diagnostic.

All applicants must bring or send in advance a copy of their transcripts and SAT or ACT scores. To reserve your place in the audition, please submit the online application.
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Undergraduate Admission:

1. Three major and melodic minor scales, two or three-octaves. (Segovia or Carlevaro diatonic scales)

2. Two pieces in contrasting styles.
   Representative works:
   - Renaissance lute or vihuela pieces
     (Dowland, Holborne, Narvaez, Milan etc.)
   - A movement from a Baroque suite or sonata
     (Bach, Weiss, Devissee, Sanz)
   - A 19th Century piece or etude
     (Carcassi, Sor, Giuliani, Aguado, Tarrega)
   - A Twentieth Century piece, etude or prelude
     (Villa-Lobos, Ponce, Brouwer etc.)

3. Sight-reading

Graduate Admission:

1. Three movements of a Baroque suite, sonata or partita by J. S. Bach, Weiss or three Scarlatti sonatas.

2. A significant Classical or Romantic period work(s) by Sor, Giuliani, Aguado, Mertz, Regondi or comparable.

3. A significant Twentieth Century work by Turina, Torroba, Tedesco, Ponce, Barrios, Villa-Lobos, Brouwer or comparable.