The University of Texas at El Paso is a National Association of Schools of Music accredited institution.

The University of Texas at El Paso's Department of Music offers the Bachelor of Music degree in four major areas: Education, Performance, Commercial Music, and Theory-and-Composition. The department also offers the Master of Music degree in two major areas: Education and Performance. Many of our graduates are professional performers and educators in the southwestern United States. The Department also offers a Minor in Music with four options/tracks: Applied, Performance, Commercial/Recording, or Arts Entrepreneurship. Students should choose one option.

All candidates for the Bachelor of Music degree must declare a major instrument or voice as a performing medium. This instrument or voice should be studied for credit each semester in residence (summers excepted). Any standard band or orchestra instrument, keyboard or guitar may be chosen for major emphasis in the instrumental performance plan. In the music education plan, instrumental concentration, only standard band and orchestra instruments can be the performance area. Students in the music education plan, vocal concentration, must have voice as a major performing area. Students must audition for applied faculty for placement into MUSA 1195 Individual Instruction, Individual Instruction (applied study for music majors). Those not successfully placing into MUSA 1195 Individual Instruction may take MUSA 1190 Individual Instruction, pre-major lessons, or MUSA 1274 Voice Class, Voice Class for vocal majors, for up to 2 semesters.

Limits on Undergraduate Music Course Enrollment for Music Majors

Music Majors may enroll in undergraduate music classes a maximum of three (3) times. Exemptions will only be granted in cases of extreme hardship at the discretion of the chair.

A student may enroll more than three times in a variable-topic, studio, performance, workshop, or other course that is identified as "may be repeated for credit." A student may enroll in a course designated as variable-topic, studio, performance, workshop, or other course that is identified as "may be repeated for credit" in which he or she has an unresolved grade of I (Incomplete).

Students enrolled in MUSA 1190 Individual Instruction, MUSA 1274 Voice Class, or MUSA 2280 Intermediate Guitar Class may only take those courses a maximum of two times.

Students enrolled in MUSA 1195 Individual Instruction must attempt entry to Upper-Level lessons through a barrier jury after the fourth semester of study in MUSA 1195 Individual Instruction. Students have a maximum of two attempts to successfully pass the barrier jury and gain entry into upper-level lessons.

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