

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AUDITION GUIDELINES 2025-2026

Adelphi University's Department of Music provides students with intensive training in theory, performance and music history, preparing them for professional careers or advanced study in music. Coursework is combined with private lessons, ensemble participation, and recital opportunities to develop well-rounded, skilled musicians. Music education students will be equipped with the skills needed to teach and inspire the next generation of musicians. Students receive the personal attention of a small program with the resources of a major university, allowing students to thrive both artistically and academically. Students benefit from dedicated faculty mentors, abundant performance opportunities in a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, and a supportive community that fosters creativity, collaboration, and professional growth.

On Campus Audition Dates:

- Saturday, November 15, 2025
- Sunday, December 14, 2025
- Saturday, January 24, 2026
- Saturday, February 14, 2026
- Saturday, March 7, 2026

Other Options:

- By special appointment
- By video submission (available for students living 200+ miles from Adelphi's Garden City, NY campus)

Spring 2026 Applicants

Spring 2026 applicants should register for the November 15 or December 14 audition date. If you are submitting a video audition, your performance files should be received no later than December 15. Video files can be submitted via SlideRoom at <https://adelphiuniversity.slideroom.com/>

Fall 2026 Early Action Applicants

If you are applying for Early Action admission, register for the November 15 audition date. If you are submitting a video audition, your performance files should be received no later than November 10. Video files should be submitted via SlideRoom at <https://adelphiuniversity.slideroom.com/>

Rolling Admission Applicants

Rolling Admission Fall 2026 applicants are welcome to audition on any date.

Audition Requirements

All applicants:

- Prepare and present two contrasting works for your primary instrument/voice type. Examples of contrasting works are those from different time periods, different composers, different styles (classical, jazz, musical theatre, etc), two movements of the

same concerto or sonata (i.e. fast and slow movements), or in different languages (for vocalists).

- During your audition, you will be asked to perform rhythmic and harmonic sight-reading excerpts for your instrument.
- A brief online test is used to help faculty understand students' skill levels in key areas of musicianship and to appropriately place students within the sequence of theory and musicianship courses. The test covers pitch and interval recognition, and the ability to discern rhythm, harmony and melody from a recorded or performed musical excerpt.

BS in Music Education Applicants

- Same as above, plus an additional interview with a representative from the Music Education program.

Composition Concentration Applicants

- Applicants to the Composition Concentration will be asked to present and discuss a small portfolio of printed or manuscript scores of their works (preferably with a recording of at least one of those works). Composers may also offer to perform one of their own works, of which a score must be available.

Video Auditions

We accept video auditions for those that live 200+ miles from Adelphi's Garden City, NY campus. In your video submission, introduce yourself and announce the title of the piece that you will perform. One selection should be recorded per video, including introduction and performance without any editing. Videos should be clear, focused, and well lit – avoid shadows on your hands, face and instrument. Performances should be unedited full versions of pieces – excerpts or “cuts” will not be accepted. Pianists: be sure we can see your hands and your torso. Vocalists: be sure we can see the ¾ of your body and the camera is at your eye level. Be sure you are in the center of the frame. Instrumentalists: be sure we can see your full instrument, plus your torso and face.

Talent Scholarships

Your audition not only determines your admission eligibility to the music department, but also makes you eligible for talent scholarships. You need not apply separately for a talent scholarship. When combined with any academic awards you may receive, an Adelphi education is an exceptional and smart choice for your future.

Music Minors

Auditions are not required for a minor in music.

Degrees Programs Offered

- BS in Music Education
- BS in Music with concentrations in
 - Composition
 - Jazz Studies

Music Therapy
Instrumental Performance
Piano Performance
Vocal Performance

- Music Minor
- Music Minor in Digital Recording Arts and Music Technology

Experience what it's like to be part of our vibrant music community firsthand!

Tours of the Adelphi Performing Arts Center, sample lessons, and shadow days are available upon request.

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