

Suggested Courses for Pre-MDT Majors

We've outlined the MDT audition requirements and the courses that will best prepare you.

MUSIC: Two musical theatre excerpts that demonstrate contrasting vocal sounds or styles. One ballad and one up-tempo selection are recommended. Applicants should choose music well-suited to their voice and interpretive capability. Maximum time: three minutes total.

MUSIC 160 R (Contemporary Voice Private Voice Lesson)

MUSIC 161 section 2 (Voice Technique) *By Permission only. Please contact the instructor.*

DANCE: In the live audition, applicants will be taught a movement combination which they will perform. In addition, they may perform a two minute choreographed dance of their own that is based on traditional technique. Videotaped auditions should feature the applicant in a two minute dance combination that demonstrates strength, flexibility, musicality, and performance skills. Ballet, jazz, or modern dance are recommended.

DANCE 240R* or DANCE 241R (Contemporary Dance Technique/Theory)**

DANCE 190* or DANCE 290 (Ballet Technique)**

**If you have little or no dance training, take Dance 240R/Dance 190 in the fall semester before the auditions. Continue with Dance 241 and/or Dance 290 the following winter semester.*

***The dance faculty suggests taking Dance 241R and Dance 290 in two consecutive semesters rather than in the same semester.*

THEATRE: Two contrasting monologues from established play, musical, or film scripts. One selection should be comedic; one should be serious/dramatic. Both selections should allow the student to reveal basic honesty and clarity of objectives.

Audition Recommendations:

- 1) Avoid reciting poetry, performing Shakespeare and other verse and/or period monologues.
- 2) Look for scenes wherein the character you are portraying has a strong need or objective and is speaking directly to an identifiable partner.
- 3) Select characters that are your gender and/or race, as well as close to your age.

Maximum time for BOTH monologues combined is three minutes total.

TMA 123 (Acting Fundamentals)

Here is a list of additional courses that you can take without being in the MDT program.

Music 113 – Basic Piano Skills

Dance 131 – Jazz Dance, Beginning

Dance 135 – Tap Dance, Beginning

Dance 231 – Jazz Dance Technique 1

Dance 235 – Tap Dance Technique 1

Dance 290 – Ballet Accelerated Tech. 1

Dance 291R – Ballet Technique 2

Dance 331 – Jazz Dance Technique 2

TMA 267 – Makeup 1

Music 186 – Songwriting 1

Music 386R – Songwriting 2

Dance 335 – Tap Dance Technique 2

TMA 100 – Introduction to Visual Literacy

Music 201/202 – Music History

Or **TMA 201/202** – Theatre History

NOTE: Try to get as many of your general education classes out of the way as possible. You will be glad you did, no matter what you end up majoring in!