

ENROLLMENT FAQ for new graduate music nondegree students

1. How do I register?

Kate Heston assists all new graduate students to register for their first semester in residence. If you are an Advanced Music Studies or Artist Diploma student, you will register for one of the class schedules below, unless a special circumstance applies to you. If you are a Music Education Certification student, please contact Susan Raponi to discuss your class schedule.

Advanced Music Studies (individual performance)
57986 Advanced Music Studies Studio (Individual)
*seminar course (if applicable)*¹
57818 Major Instrumental Ensemble (if required)
*literature and repertoire course (if applicable)*¹
9-18 units of music and/or general elective courses

Advanced Music Studies (orchestral performance)
57987 Advanced Music Studies Studio (Orchestral)
*seminar course (if applicable)*¹
57818 Major Instrumental Ensemble (if required)
*literature and repertoire course (if applicable)*¹
9-12 units of music and/or general elective courses

Artist Diploma
57996 Artist Diploma Studio
*seminar course (if applicable)*¹
57991 Artist Diploma Recital
57818 Major Instrumental Ensemble (if required)
elective courses (units will vary)

Advanced Music Studies (chamber music performance)
57988 Advanced Music Studies Studio (Chamber Music)
*seminar course (if applicable)*¹
57818 Major Instrumental Ensemble (if required)
*literature and repertoire course (if applicable)*¹
*Chamber Music*²
6-15 units of music and/or general elective courses

Advanced Music Studies (piano maintenance)
57989 Advanced Music Studies Studio (Piano Maintenance)
57661 Piano Maintenance I
57666 Acoustics of the Piano
9 units of support³ and/or general elective courses

Advanced Music Studies (audio recording and production)
57950 Live Recording Laboratory
57952 Studio Recording Laboratory
57367 Supervised Recording Teaching (if required)
6 units of support³ and/or general elective courses

¹ Kate Heston will register you for the seminar and/or literature and repertoire course(s) applicable to you.

² Kate Heston will register you for Chamber Music.

³ Email Kate Heston about your support course requirement.

Note:

You can register yourself for classes on Student Information Online <https://acis.as.cmu.edu/sio/>. See <https://www.cmu.edu/hub/registrar/docs/4-easy-steps.pdf> Sharon Johnston will register you for the classes listed above that are not highlighted or footnoted, if you have not registered yourself for them when she registers graduate students.

To select an elective (any music or non-music graduate) course or courses, see information about them on the CMU Schedule of Classes: <https://enr-apps.as.cmu.edu/open/SOC/SOCServlet>. You will register yourself for your preferred course or courses.

You must register for the required number of units (36) by the 10th day of the semester in order to be considered full-time. Dropping to part-time status will reduce your financial aid proportionally and may reduce your loan eligibility. You may take more units than is required without an additional charge; however, our graduate programs are designed to allow a significant amount of time for private practice and preparation for the profession. So, overloading (more than 48 units) is discouraged.

2. How do I register for Major Studio?

If you are an Advanced Music Studies student, register for the course number for your area of study [for example, 57986, Advanced Music Studies Studio (Individual): Violin]. If you are an Artist Diploma student, contact Kate Heston.

3. How do I register for a major ensemble?

All graduate instrumental Advanced Music Studies music majors who are required to participate in School of Music ensembles will be assigned to Major Instrumental Ensemble [Orchestra/Wind Ensemble/Contemporary Ensemble]. All positions will be assigned by faculty. Some instrumental areas will have ensemble auditions. If your area will have an audition, you will be informed. Principal strings and Concertmaster auditions will take place after the opening concert.

If you are not an instrumental major, you may choose to audition for Chorus for elective credit. If you wish to be considered for assignment to Major Instrumental Ensemble, please inform Sharon Johnston.

4. How can I register for Chamber Music or Sonatas?

If you are in the chamber music performance concentration, you will be placed in and registered for a Chamber Music group. You don't need to do anything to be registered for Chamber Music; the School of Music will register you for Chamber Music.

If you are not in the chamber music performance concentration, you may choose to register for Chamber Music for elective credit. If you wish to be considered for assignment to a Chamber Music group, please inform Kate Heston.

If you are not an instrumental major, you may choose to audition for Chamber Music for elective credit. If you wish to do so, please inform Kate Heston.

Note that AMS students in the chamber music performance concentration **must be registered for Chamber Music every semester**. Kate Heston will assume that you will be registered for Chamber Music unless she hears from you otherwise.

5. How can I know if a special circumstance applies to me?

See below, or contact Kate Heston if you have questions about your class schedule.

If you are interested in taking more than 48 units, your class schedule will need to be approved. You will need to discuss your schedule and the procedures for requesting an overload with Kate Heston. Please contact her during July.

6. Where can I find more information about the requirements for my major?

See the latest curriculum checklist for your major on the Current Students website: <https://www.cmu.edu/cfa/music/current-students/index.html> in the Graduate column. 3 units equal 1 credit.

7. Where can I find more information about the class schedule?

See the university class schedule at <https://enr-apps.as.cmu.edu/open/SOC/SOCServlet>

See the School of Music class schedule, music support courses, course descriptions, and course syllabi information on the Current Students website: <https://www.cmu.edu/cfa/music/current-students/index.html> under *Registration*.

8. How can I see my class schedule?

See your class schedule on Student Information Online <https://acis.as.cmu.edu/sio/>.

9. How can I find out what financial assistance is available from Carnegie Mellon for graduate students?

If you need financial aid or student account counseling or assistance, please contact the Assistant Directors in the HUB. The HUB is located in the basement of Warner Hall. The Assistant Directors can be reached via phone at 412-268-8186 or via email at thehub@andrew.cmu.edu. You can also go to the HUB Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-4:30 and Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-4:30 for walk-in assistance.

Please note the graduate website link listed below:

Graduate Student Financial Aid Basics: <http://www.cmu.edu/finaid/basics/graduate/index.html>