California State University, Los Angeles
Department of Music

Application/Audition Procedures for BM and MM in Composition Applicants

All applicants must apply to the university for admission. This can be done on-line at:
http://www.csumentor.edu/

The following materials must be sent separately to the CSULA Music Department:

2-3 scores and recordings (MIDI or live) which are the most representative of their work
as a composer;

3 letters of recommendation from teachers or professionals who are familiar with the
applicants work;

A one-page statement addressing the goals of the applicant.

Send these materials to:

Dr. John M Kennedy
Music Department
California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Dr.
Los Angeles, CA  90032

BM Composition Applicants

An audition on your principle instrument/voice is required for acceptance into the
program. A live audition is preferred. Audition dates can be found at
www.calstatela.edu/academic/music. On these dates you will also be given a music theory
assessment test. This test is for assessment only and not for placement into the program or into
a music theory level. It is solely informational so you can begin to prepare for your studies at
CSULA. In the fall, you will be given another test, which will be for placement in the music
theory curriculum.

Interview for BM and MM Applicants

All applicants must have a live interview as part of the audition process. For BM
applicants, this can be accomplished as part of the audition. For MM applicants, this can be
done by appointment. In the case of international students, contact Dr. Kennedy for an
alternative process.