

California State University, Los Angeles
Department of Music

Piano Audition Requirements

Applicants for admission to piano study should bring printed copies of the music selected for performance.

The piano audition will include:

1. Performance of two contrasting pieces from the standard classical piano repertoire.
2. Sight-reading of a piece from the standard classical song repertoire.
3. Sight-reading a popular or Broadway-style lead sheet.
4. A short improvisation from a melody and harmonic progression provided by the audition panel.

Applicants auditioning for graduate study in piano (MA or MM level) are expected to demonstrate the ability to perform the standard piano literature in a manner consistent with what would be typical of an individual who has completed an undergraduate degree in piano from an accredited four-year college or university.

To schedule an audition, please email: music@calstatela.edu or telephone: 323-343-4060. Please indicate that you wish to schedule an audition for jazz studies and provide your instrument, name and complete contact information in the email.