Vincennes University Department of Music

**Music Placement Exam**

**Q. Who should take a music placement exam?**

A. Any student wishing to pursue a degree in Music (including the fields of music education, music performance, music theory and composition, music therapy, church music, or music business and industry). (It is strongly recommended for students wishing to pursue a degree in Audio Recording.)

**Q. What is the music placement exam?**

A. The exam will assess your current abilities in foundational musical skills. There are three components to the exam—music theory, functional piano skills, and applied study performance assessments. Exam results help determine placement levels into music theory and aural skills courses, piano classes, and level of applied lesson study. (Note: Audio recording majors will not be required to take the applied study performance assessment.)

**Q. How are the exams administered?**

A. Students will choose a StartVU day (the university’s official registration day). Each student will receive a schedule when they arrive on campus and check-in for StartVU. The Department of Music will coordinate your music placement exam with other StartVU testing, meetings, and advising times. (Although the StartVU schedule begins in the morning and is scheduled to conclude in the mid-afternoon, please be available to stay longer in the event testing or advising would happen to run late.) Please note: All music placement exams will be administered in Red Skelton Performing Arts Theatre (RSPAC) unless otherwise stated.

**Q. How are the results of the exam evaluated?**

A. Each component of the exam is individually scored and evaluated based on your performance the day you took the exam. Results will be available during the StartVU day. Students will be registered for appropriate sections of classes based on their exam performance. Students should plan to attend the StartVU day from morning registration through late afternoon.

**Q. What if I miss my exam time or cannot attend on my scheduled day?**

A. The exam may be rescheduled on an individual basis with permission from the chair of the Department of Music.