



SCHOOL OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Undergraduate Audition Requirements: Saxophone

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The Department of Music at Portland State University requires that all students wishing to declare themselves as a music major or minor must first pass an entrance audition in their chosen instrumental or vocal area. Students wishing to transfer in at higher levels (290, 390, 490) should consult the area coordinator before preparing for their audition.

TECHNIQUE

- Play two octave D major scale in quarter notes (slurred, MM=60) demonstrating tone quality.
- Play full range chromatic scale in eighth notes (slurred, MM=120).

REPERTOIRE

The student should prepare two contrasting movements of pieces from the standard saxophone repertoire, including at least one piece from the Classical repertoire.

SIGHT-READING

The student will play short excerpts in duple and/or triple meters with common rhythmic features applicable to works from the late eighteenth century. Difficult technical passages will not be a factor.