

Graduate Exams for Composition/Theory Applicants

The Composition/Theory Division requires a screening examination for those applicants who wish to be considered for appointment as Teaching Assistants. These exams are a version of the Graduate Listening and Theory Exams. If you wish to be considered for this type of financial aid, please complete and return the attached form. You will note that you must identify the faculty member who will be sent the examination and who will serve as a proctor while you complete the examination. The examinations are on the Web and the person identified as proctor will be sent the URL. The examination must be completed by January 15 in order for you to receive priority consideration for an appointment as a Teaching Assistant.

The Graduate Listening Exam tests at the level of a third semester undergraduate ear training class. There are five sections: intervals (ascending, descending, harmonic, and melodic), rhythm (dictation and error detection), melody (dictation and error detection), counterpoint (dictation of two voices), and harmony (dictation involving secondary dominants, augmented sixth chords, and simple modulation). Allow two hours for the exam. If you wish to study for this exam, we recommend MacGamut Music Software which can be ordered from MacGamut 800-305-8731. The price is \$35 and MacGamut is now available for both the Mac and PCs.

The Graduate Theory Exam covers undergraduate theory. Items on the test include non-harmonic tones, construction chords, realizing a figured bass, identifying terms, and analysis of a chorale, fugue, sonata design, mid-nineteenth century piece, and early twentieth century composition. Allow 1.5 hours for the exam.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to Professor Heidi Von Gunden as soon as possible. Questions regarding the exams or the proctoring process can be addressed to Professor Von Gunden at yongunde@uiuc.edu.

Composition/Theory Graduate Exams Form

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please send information about accessing the exams on the web to the person who will be proctoring my exams:

Proctor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please return this form to:

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