EXTENSION STUDY

Individuals who wish to enroll in private lessons or courses on a non-degree basis may register for such study through the Peabody Extension Division, pending faculty availability and demonstration of appropriate qualifications. Students may also take coursework to be certified for teaching in Maryland Public Schools.

Undergraduate Extension Study

Individuals who wish to enroll in private lessons or courses on an undergraduate non-degree basis may register for such study through the Peabody Extension Division, pending faculty availability and demonstration of appropriate qualifications.

A student who has been dismissed from a degree or certificate program at Peabody may not enroll as an extension student for at least one full semester following dismissal. The student may apply for readmission after that semester, but Peabody is under no obligation to grant readmission. The Conservatory reserves the right to exclude any student whose academic standing or general conduct is considered unsatisfactory. Further information may be obtained from the Registrar’s Office.

Graduate Extension Study

Graduate Extension study is designed for individuals who already hold an undergraduate degree or diploma. A Graduate Extension student may make their own arrangements with an applied teacher before making formal application to the Conservatory. A recorded audition is acceptable, but the performing level must be validated by the accepting teacher upon the student’s arrival at Peabody before extension status will be confirmed. A Graduate Extension student may be accepted onto a teacher’s schedule or into coursework on a space-available basis if the application process is complete before registration.

The student may register for applied study and/or any combination of academic coursework. In the areas of music theory and musicology, the Graduate Extension student must take the appropriate placement examinations and satisfy any review requirement prior to enrolling in graduate-level courses. Lesson, performance, and coursework credits may count toward fulfillment of subsequent graduate diploma or degree requirements, if approved by the major department. Formal application for any change in graduate program must be made with the Admissions Office and all other requirements for entrance must be met. Graduate Extension registrants are eligible to participate in ensembles by audition but generally are not considered for institutional scholarship support.

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Music Education Certification

Individuals who hold a Bachelor of Music degree from an accredited institution may take classes to be certified by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to teach in public schools.

- Certification classes are offered as extension classes. There is no enveloping program and students studying for certification are not eligible for financial aid.
- Student taking certification classes are extension students and, by definition, part-time students. Accordingly, students taking certification classes are always billed at the part-time, per-credit rate. Special tuition rates apply.
- Certification students, as part-time students, are not eligible for an F-1 visa.
- The Music Education faculty may require additional credits beyond minimum requirements to reinforce necessary skills for intern teaching.
- Finally, students who are completing certification in addition to another program will be considered extension students, billed at the per-credit rate provided they have completed their lesson and ensemble requirements and played a recital. For students in majors that do not require lessons and a recital, they may be billed at the part time rate provided they have less than a full-time semester’s worth of remaining requirements for both awards.