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## PROSPECTIVE MUSIC STUDENTS

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This Academic Planning Guide highlights only major points regarding admission and transfer. Students are advised to read the university and RDC calendars, and the Alberta Transfer Guide for other necessary information. Some of the courses listed in this guide have prerequisites. Please refer to the Course Description section of the RDC calendar for further information.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUSIC PROGRAM

- There are two different music programs students can enroll in. RDC offers a one year Music Preparatory Program, and a two year Music Diploma Program
- The **Music Preparatory Program** is designed to provide an opportunity to students who are considering a career in Music, but have limited formal music training. In addition, it also provides an opportunity for students who have a general interest in music to broaden their knowledge and skills about music.
- The **Two Year Music Diploma** is set up to help students attain the skills and hands-on experience necessary to be successfully pursue immediate interests in the music field upon graduation from the diploma. In addition, the Music Diploma also provides a solid foundation of transferable course work that students can use if they wish to pursue a 4 year university degree.
- When you are ready to apply to your desired RDC program, make sure to submit a “Change of Program” form. This form is free of charge, and will let RDC know of your intent to switch programs.
- Students wishing to enter either Music stream will be required to audition and write a theory placement test. The results of the audition and the placement test will determine the appropriate program for the student.
- Students in Open Studies are able to satisfy some elements of the music program while upgrading to meet admission requirements.

### PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT FOR A DAY

Experience the life an RDC Performing Arts student. This not to be missed experience allows prospective performing arts students in Music, Theatre Performance & Creation, Theatre & Entertainment Production & Motion Picture Arts an opportunity to discover the programs firsthand, and interact with students, staff and faculty. For more information or to register, contact Jacy Morissette, Performing Arts Recruitment & Project Coordinator.

### SUGGESTED COURSE PATTERN FOR PROSPECTIVE MUSIC STUDENTS

*\*Completion of these courses will not guarantee admission into the Music Program. Audition and Theory Placement Criteria must still be met\**

FALL	WINTER
ENGL 219 or COMM 250 <sup>1</sup> (3)	MUSS 145 (register in Section “E”) (2)
MUSI 233 (3)	Open Option <sup>2</sup> (3)
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<sup>1</sup> ENGL 219 and COMM 250 have a pre-requisite of ENGL 30-1. Please see an academic advisor for further options if you do not have ENGL 30-1. **Students interested in University Transfer should take ENGL 219.**

<sup>2</sup> Open Options can be any 3 credit course at Red Deer College. Music classes that are not restricted to the Music program can be used for open options.

## **PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLES**

The Music Department offers RDC students the opportunity to participate, develop, and showcase their musical talents in certain performance ensemble groups. There are various vocal and musical ensembles available, and all RDC students are welcome to audition for performance ensembles.

For more information on performance ensembles contact Steve Sherman, Music Coordinator.

## **ADMISSION INFORMATION**

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

- High School Diploma with successful completion of ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2

#### **MATURE STUDENT**

- At least 19 years of age, or out of school for one full year before program begins
- Successful Completion on ELA 30-1 or equivalent

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COURSE PLACEMENT TESTING**

Students will be required to take a College placement test before registering in a written communications course. (Students with 60% or greater in ELA 30-1 will be exempted from this test). Students who do not achieve a satisfactory mark in this test will be required to complete COMM 150 before they can register in COMM 250. Students should take the placement test early in the event that preparatory work (COMM 150) is required. COMM 250 is not a university transferable course (ENGL 219 is).

#### **OTHER ADMISSION CRITERIA:**

To be accepted to this program (in addition to the academic requirements) you need to:

1. Submit a Music Information Profile
2. Theory Placement Test (must score 75% or greater).
3. Have a Successful Audition

Further guidelines regarding audition expectations and the theory placement test are available at [www.rdc.ab.ca/performing\\_arts](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/performing_arts).

## **TRANSFER INFORMATION**

Graduates of the Music Diploma may be able to pursue university degree studies in a variety of areas. These include baccalaureate degrees in Music, Arts, Education as well as a number of more specialized areas such as Music Business and/or Music Therapy.

Individual courses in the Music Diploma program can be transferred to many North American universities on a course by course basis.

Transfer arrangements are different at each university and you are advised to consult the Alberta Transfer Guide, your Chairperson, Academic Advisors and the university to which you will transfer for more information.

The RDC Music Department has in place some specific transfer arrangements:

### **The University of Alberta – Augustana Faculty**

Music Diploma Graduates who **have a GPA of 2.50** and have majored in classical piano, organ, classical voice, classical guitar or an orchestral instrument will be accepted into the third year of the Bachelor of Music program the University of Alberta – Augustana Faculty upon completion of the two year RDC diploma. In addition, prospective students will also need to have a successful audition with the Augustana Music Department. Students will also need to meet the general U of A transfer requirements. The Augustana Campus is located in Camrose, Alberta.

## **The University of Lethbridge**

Music Diploma graduates who **have a GPA of 2.50** and have majored in classical piano, classical voice, classical guitar, or an orchestral instrument may be accepted into the Post-Diploma B. Mus/B. Ed program at the University of Lethbridge. Students who wish to pursue a more general music and education combination may also choose the B.A. (Music)/B. Ed Route. Students considering this option are advised to consult the appropriate calendar information from the University of Lethbridge as soon as possible (only available online at the U of L's website: <http://www.uleth.ca/>) to ensure that they are fully aware of all requirements. They are also advised to begin an early dialogue with admissions personnel in the University of Lethbridge Music Department.

## **Canadian University College**

Music Diploma graduates **who have a GPA of 2.00** may be accepted into the 4year Music Degree. Options at CUC include a Bachelor of Arts in Music, or a Bachelor of Music. Red Deer College graduates, upon presentation of their Diploma to the Registrar, need only complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of a music program as outlined in their calendar.

### **HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION**

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**ALBERTA TRANSFER GUIDE:** [www.acat.gov.ab.ca](http://www.acat.gov.ab.ca)

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Please be aware that you are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer College and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer (if applicable).

You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit, admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer College. Please consult with an academic advisor if you have any questions.

The function of academic advisors is to provide students with information and resources that enable them to make informed decisions relevant to their education. These resources include the Red Deer College Calendar, the Academic Planning Guide for your chosen program and Destination University (if applicable), the Alberta Transfer Guide and the calendar and contact information for your destination university. Academic advisors will assist you in interpreting information from these resources or refer you to your destination university if appropriate. Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.