Jazz Guitar, Bass and Piano
Audition Requirements

Bachelor of Music Program with a Concentration in Music Technology

For admission into any BM program with a concentration in Music Technology, two pieces of contrasting musical styles are required to be performed for two or more UNO music faculty members. All vocalists and instrumentalists who want to be admitted into any BM program in the UNO Music Department must audition for the UNO Music Department in addition to meeting admissions requirements for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

For electric guitarists, electric bassists, and Jazz pianists, it is recommended that one of the selected contrasting works is a standard in the 12-bar Blues form where the candidate performs the head for one chorus, “comps” (or bass line for bass applicants) for one chorus, and an improvised solo for one chorus. Other appropriate audition repertoire would be one of the following jazz standards or a similar jazz standard: “Satin Doll,” “Summertime,” “Blue Bossa,” or “Song For My Father.” As in the case for the Blues selection, it is recommended that the candidate performs the head for one chorus, “comps” (or bass line for bass applicants) for one chorus, and improvises a solo for one chorus. Charts for these standards as well as tunes using the Blues form can be found in Jamey Abersold’s “Maiden Voyage” (Volume 54 of the Jamey Abersold series) or commercially available Jazz fake books. Students should also be prepared to sight-read a short, simple melody in standard musical notation.

If you are unsure if you will be able to pass the audition, we have found that applicants to the BM program with the Music Tech Concentration tend to be more successful if they have at least one to two years of experience rehearsing and performing in high school orchestra, concert band, jazz band, and/or choir ensembles. Also, candidates who have taken lessons privately on their instrument/voice from a teacher that communicates music instruction through music notation (and not by rote or TAB) are more likely to succeed in the BM program.

The Bachelor of Arts Program with a Concentration in Music Technology

For some students in the Bachelor of Arts in Music Technology or Entrepreneurship a portfolio may be submitted in lieu of an audition. This portfolio option is granted on a case by case basis.