

## UMBC MUSC 390 Gateway Jury FAQ

### **Who is required to take the MUSC 390 Gateway Jury?**

Students majoring in **Music Performance**, **Jazz Studies**, and **Music Education** are required to complete the MUSC 390 Gateway Jury.

- **Music Performance** and **Jazz Studies** students are evaluated based on their readiness to perform their Junior Recitals the following year.
- **Music Education** students are evaluated based on their preparedness to begin taking upper-level private lessons.

Optional: Students in **Music Technology** and **Music Composition** who wish to take MUSC 390 Advanced Private Lessons for their upper-level elective credits may also choose to complete the MUSC 390 Gateway Jury.

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### **When does the MUSC 390 Gateway Jury take place?**

The Gateway Jury occurs during the **end-of-semester jury** following your **4th semester of MUSC 193**. Students must bring the [Special Jury Evaluation Form](#) to this jury.

For **transfer students**, the required number of MUSC 193 semesters is listed on your acceptance letter, and the Gateway Jury will take place after your last required semester of MUSC 193.

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### **Will I receive a reminder about my upcoming MUSC 390 Gateway Jury?**

Yes, the Music Office will send reminder emails to both students and instructors **one semester before** the Gateway Jury (May or December). Both students and instructors are required to confirm receipt of the reminder.

Students will receive a second reminder at the beginning of the gateway semester (September or January), and a third reminder halfway through the gateway semester. By the third reminder, students taking the Gateway Jury must submit their list of repertoire to the Music Office.

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### **Can I postpone my MUSC 390 Gateway Jury?**

Postponing the MUSC 390 Gateway Jury is only allowed under **exceptional circumstances**, in accordance with UMBC's [Incomplete Grade Policy](#). "Student's work must have been qualitatively satisfactory but, for reasons beyond the student's control, cannot be completed on time". In such cases, an [Incomplete Grade Agreement](#) must be on file, outlining the deadline to complete the Gateway Jury.

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**What happens if I don't pass the MUSC 390 Gateway Jury?**

If you do not pass the Gateway Jury, you can retake it after completing an additional semester of MUSC 193. You will be notified of your result within a week and receive feedback from the faculty panel on areas for improvement. Your instructor will also contact you to help plan how to use the summer or winter break to prepare and to select your repertoire for the retake, which must include at least one new piece.

If you do not pass on your second attempt, you will be required to switch to a different major at UMBC.

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