

Departmental/Challenge Exam

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Music Theory 1, MUSIC-149, 3 CR

Departmental Challenge Exam Information

Students have the chance to earn college credit by taking a Challenge Exam and testing out of a course! This opportunity is available once per calendar year, and students can earn credit by achieving the minimum score. Just a heads-up: a nonrefundable fee is required in advance. It's a fantastic way to accelerate your academic journey!

Steps to Begin:

1. Students **email** CPLE at cple@matc.edu with:
 - Name
 - Student ID#
 - Course information (e.g., ENG-201)
2. A CPLE Specialist will notify the student when the fee is posted
3. **Pay** the [nonrefundable fee](#) and obtain a receipt using one of the following methods:
 - In person at any MATC cashier's office
 - Online via [Self-Service](#)
4. **Contact** the [test administrator](#) (see below) to schedule the exam and provide the payment receipt
5. After the exam, the administrator reviews scores with students and submits the **CPLE Request Form** to cple@matc.edu, regardless of the outcome
6. Next Steps:
 - **If the required score is met**, credit(s) will be awarded, and the student's program plan will be updated
 - **If the required score is not met**, students should consult their [Pathway Advisor](#) for further guidance

Exam Information

1. **Course title, number & credit value:**
 - a. Music Theory 1, MUSIC-149, 3 CR
2. **The test expectancy/summary:**
 - a. Student will complete the written Final Exam for Music Theory 1. This consists of identifying key signatures, intervals, chords, scales, rhythm, chord progressions,.
3. **Passing score:**
 - a. 85% or better
4. **Contact the Test administrator for testing (name, number, email, room location):**
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