

Fall 2026 Commercial / Jazz Ensemble Auditions • UVU

Instructions

UVU currently offers five commercial ensembles available for majors, non-majors, and any student enrolled at UVU to participate in - Original Music Ensemble, Pickup Band, Genre Studies Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, and Jazz Combo.

Anybody is encouraged to audition for the ensembles and we hope that you will spread the word to your friends and colleagues! Placement in an ensemble is not guaranteed.

If you are a **vocalist, keyboardist, guitarist, or bassist** use the instructions on the next page to audition for ensembles. All other instruments should coordinate through their appropriate area coordinator for ensemble audition requirements.

All the best,
Dr. Baker and the Commercial Music Faculty

INSTRUCTIONS & EXCERPTS

Vocals:

Please use the following link to schedule your audition time (12:00pm - 5:00pm, August 19th-21st, 2026):

Schedule Auditions



1. You must also fill out this informational form **before** your audition:

Informational Form



2. Plan to sing **one (1)** prepared piece of your choosing that best represents your vocal ability. You will be assessed on your singing abilities (tuning, support, diction, etc.).
Singers must provide their own backing track or accompaniment.

Rhythm Section (Guitar, Keyboards, Bass):

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2. Prepare the following two excerpts, one pop and one jazz, for your respective instrument. You will be asked to play along with the provided backing track with your part muted.

Rhythm Section Excerpts



3. Be ready to play a randomly selected major scale, two octaves up and down (both hands for keyboards).
4. Be ready to play a randomly selected harmonic minor scale, two octaves up and down (both hands for keyboards).
5. Be ready to sight read a short excerpt for your instrument.