

## Audition Requirements for MSU Denver at DIME Denver Degree Programs

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### Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies: Music Industry Studies

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## Part I - Important General Information

### SCHEDULING AN AUDITION

To schedule your audition, call us at **303-623-1600**  
or contact a member of our recruitment and admissions team:  
**James Ashbury** [jamesashbury@dime-denver.com](mailto:jamesashbury@dime-denver.com)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ Auditions are organized as follows:
  - Interview** (30 minutes)
  - Audition with Faculty** (15 minutes)
- ◆ **About the Interview:** The interview consists of a discussion detailing any previous formal musical training, past performances on stage and in studio, knowledge of music history and repertoire, self-directed practice in composition/improvisation, leading bands and promoting projects, booking and managing shows and sessions, and applying synthesis of skills towards musical goals. Additionally, applicants will discuss their overall career aspirations in the music industry.
- ◆ **About the Audition:** The assessment consists of demonstrations of performance, musicianship, composition/improvisation, and accurate understanding of musical terminology and notation.
- ◆ **Provisional Acceptance into your chosen Program:** In some cases, applicants who perform well but are not able to successfully complete all portions of the audition may be given Provisional Acceptance into the MSU Denver at DIME Detroit program. This will require a student to re-audition after their second semester in order to continue in the program.
- ◆ **After Your Audition:** If a student successfully completes their audition and is recommended for an MSU Denver at DIME Detroit BA degree program, they will be asked to submit a formal application to Metropolitan State University of Denver. The recruitment and admissions team will provide instructions on how to apply, and students will have the opportunity to apply on site if requested. MSU Denver requires a \$25 application fee.
- ◆ **Please Note:** Students may be accepted to MSU Denver and begin their coursework with a provisional pass of their audition; however, they must successfully re-audition prior to being accepted into any of the following degree programs. Students will be expected to work on sight-reading, improving technical ability on their instrument, or other aspects of the audition as required.

## Part II - Audition Requirements:

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- ◆ Applicants will be asked to outline relevant experience in the music industry. This includes but is not limited to: self-management or managing another artist, booking shows for artists or venues, and promoting events, recordings, or artists in a number of ways.
- ◆ Submit 1-3 representations of your music or music you represent. Acceptable formats include CD or flash drive, or emailed links to websites or music streaming services. We can also accept show posters, letters of recommendation, resumes, or any other evidence of your work within the music industry.
- ◆ Discuss books, magazines, blogs, periodicals, and industry websites that you are following which help you feel connected and informed about today's music industry.
- ◆ **Please Note:** Students who are not prepared to fully complete the audition requirements below must still complete an audition to the best of their ability. They may be granted provisional acceptance and asked to work independently on aspects of the audition, and complete a full audition at the end of the second semester.
- ◆ Applicants will be asked to demonstrate musicianship and performance ability on piano, voice, or guitar by performing two songs chosen from the applicant's current known repertoire, either with a backing track or self-accompanied.
- ◆ Identify the key and chord progression of the song performed.
- ◆ Sight-read a provided piece of notated music on piano, voice, or guitar.
- ◆ Sing or play major and minor scales in 1 octave, ascending and descending.