

# Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Music Theory

The requirements for the ECMS Pre-Collegiate Diploma include a balance of theory and history with 3 years of an ensemble. The Pre-Collegiate Diploma can be completed in five years but students may elect to complete this diploma over a longer period of time.

**It is not possible to complete this course of study in less than 5 years.**

<b>Theory Requirements:</b> 5-6 years	Music Theory I Music Theory II: AP Aural Skills Music Theory III: AP Diatonic Harmony Music Theory IV: AP Adv. Aural Skills Music Theory V: AP Adv. Diatonic Harmony <sup>+</sup> Music Theory VI: Chromatic Harmony & Form Music Theory VII: Counterpoint Theory Project or Honors Theory Project <sup>^</sup> (pre-requisite MT III)
<b>Music History Requirement:</b> 1 year	History of Western Music (recommended for grades 10-12)
<b>Ensembles Requirement:</b> 3 years	An ECMS ensemble*
<b>Piano Proficiency :</b>	Piano Exam** or Diploma Piano Class (non-keyboard players) Keyboard Theory (keyboard players)

## Suggested Distribution of Requirements

Grade	Every Year	This Year	Any Year
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ensemble*	Music Theory 1	History of Western Music
8 <sup>th</sup> grade			
9 <sup>th</sup> grade		Music Theory II Music Theory III	Diploma Piano Class (for non-keyboard players)**
10 <sup>th</sup> grade		Music Theory IV Music Theory V <sup>+</sup>	Keyboard Theory (for keyboard players)
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\*Ensemble participation, beyond the required number of years, is highly encouraged while the student is pursuing an ECMS diploma.

\*\*If the student wishes to test out of piano class, they must do so by the end of their junior year. See #5 of General Requirements for more information.

<http://www.esm.rochester.edu/community/diplomas/general.php>

<sup>+</sup>Upon completion of Music Theory V, the student may take the AP Theory exam.

<sup>^</sup>If the student has received a grade of A or A- for Music Theory 1-VI and a grade of 5 on the AP Music Theory exam, they may choose to do an Honor's Theory Project. If the student passes the Honor's Theory presentation and then presents it as a lecture-recital, he/she will receive the Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Music Theory with Honors.