

College Pathway Timeline

Here's a timeline to minimize the academic, social, and personal challenges of moving to a new institution.

COLLEGE PATHWAY CONSIDERATIONS	
COMMUNITY COLLEGE/JUNIOR COLLEGE	4-YEAR INSTITUTION
<p>HS Sophomore Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Contact guidance counselor about career aspirations and possible AP or dual-credit courses. ✔ Compare and contrast availability with transferability. ✔ Map out possible courses over junior and senior years. 	<p>HS Sophomore Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Contact guidance counselor about career aspirations and possible AP or dual-credit courses. ✔ Compare and contrast availability with transferability. ✔ Map out possible courses over junior and senior years.
<p>HS Junior Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Meet with representatives of various colleges of interest. ✔ Share your plan; get feedback on how your plan aligns with requirements of desired degree plans. ✔ Finalize senior year courses ✔ Make initial contact with advisors/admissions specialists at finalist community/junior colleges. 	<p>HS Junior Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Meet with representatives of various colleges of interest ✔ Share your plan; get feedback on how your plan aligns with requirements of desired degree plans. ✔ Finalize senior-year courses. ✔ Make initial contact with advisors/admissions specialists at 4-year institution.
<p>HS Senior Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Visit community or junior college. ✔ Visit anticipated 4-year institution. ✔ During visits, coordinate visits with advisors in your academic program. Ask to develop a preliminary graduation plan that includes a matrix of courses that will transfer and count toward both degrees. Ask about any transfer agreements or articulation agreements between the institutions. ✔ Finalize an initial graduation plan. ✔ Visit campus, meet future teachers, sit in on music classes/rehearsals, visit student groups, and begin networking and acclimating to the environment. ✔ Set audition date. ✔ Audition. ✔ Get involved with community music groups through the junior college or community college. Perform with them, if possible. 	<p>HS Senior Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Visit anticipated 4-year institution(s) ✔ Coordinate visits with advisors in your academic program. Ask to develop a preliminary graduation plan that includes a matrix of courses that will transfer and count toward both degrees. Ask about any specific requirements that would limit specific AP or dual credit courses. ✔ Finalize an initial graduation plan with your future advisor ✔ Set audition date. ✔ Audition. ✔ Visit campus, meet future teachers, sit in on music classes/rehearsals, visit student groups, begin networking and acclimating to the environment. ✔ Get involved with community music groups through the 4-year institution. Perform with them, if possible.
<p>First Year of Community/Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Meet with your advisor ASAP to review your initial plan and ensure it is still current. ✔ Update schedule as needed. ✔ Make contact with anticipated 4-year institution for an initial consult. ✔ Be sure to ask about music theory and history practices. ✔ Ask about any potential sequential issues or pre-requisite courses that could extend your matriculation. ✔ Ask to visit and sit in on rehearsals and classes from time to time. ✔ Extend networking to studio professors, ensemble directors, and student groups. ✔ Plan to meet with your future advisor to go over your plan to see if there are any adjustments necessary based on site-specific issues. ✔ Review this plan each semester. 	<p>First Year of Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Meet with your advisor ASAP to review your initial plan and ensure it is still current. ✔ Review this plan each semester. ✔ Update schedule as needed. ✔ Ask about any potential sequential issues or prerequisite courses that could extend your matriculation. ✔ Keep extending your networking.
<p>Second Year of Community/Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Schedule your audition for 4-year institution. ✔ Plan an official visit. ✔ During your visit, make formal meetings with all interested parties. (i.e., ensembles, studio, student groups, advisors, etc.). ✔ Confirm your graduation plan, and ensure that both sides are good to go. ✔ Set audition date. ✔ Audition. ✔ Transfer. 	