

# Learning the Rudiments of Music

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So you want to bone up on fundamental music theory? Here are some suggestions for getting started.

- A good piano teacher with a music degree is an excellent first choice.
- If that isn't feasible, you might buy the textbooks that we use in MUS 0103 Elements of Music Theory and/or MUS 1931 Class Piano I before you start your freshman year so you can begin to study the materials. You ought to be able to get these books online (through Amazon or Barnes & Noble).
- In Elements of Music Theory, we use:
  - Ottman, Robert W., and Frank D. Mainous, Rudiments of Music, fourth edition. Prentice Hall, 2003. ISBN 0131826557
- In Class Piano I (not taken by piano majors), we use:
  - Lancaster, E. L., and Kenon D. Renfrow, Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Book 1, second edition. Alfred Publishing Company, 2004. ISBN 38081-11669-3
- You might also want to go to Ricci Adams' Musictheory.net. This may be used for learning, review, or drill.



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