Welcome

I’m delighted to welcome you as a new music student at The College of New Jersey! You are entering what will certainly be one of the most interesting and rewarding periods in your life, both professionally and personally. The dedication and passion that has brought you to this place will serve you well as you face the challenges ahead. As part of the learning experience we believe in the importance of liberal learning at TCNJ and encourage you to build these courses into your curriculum planning. I trust that you will find the faculty and staff ready to assist you at every juncture of your journey; mentorship and collaboration between students and faculty are two of the most valued experiences in our community.

It will be an exciting summer at TCNJ and especially in our own department, and I look forward to meeting you when you arrive on campus in the summer for orientation.

Advising Information

You will be assigned an advisor – a faculty member from our department – who will meet with you regularly throughout your time at TCNJ. You will have opportunities to discuss your course work, independent studies that you might want to pursue, or other academic questions that arise prior to, during, or subsequent to registration each semester. It is important to meet with your faculty advisor each semester to assure that you are on the right track and completing all necessary courses for graduation.

Until your advisor is assigned, please feel free to contact me with any questions at all. You can reach me at the e-mail or telephone number listed below.

Your First Semester

On the back of this letter we have compiled an “Understanding Your First Semester Sequence” document that provides a clear and ordered description of the recommended courses for your first semester and detailed information regarding the liberal learning program, including instructions for selecting your First Seminar class (FSP).

And so, welcome to TCNJ, the Department of Music and most importantly, to our community! You now join us in a truly extraordinary journey of studying, learning and sharing music.

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**UNDERSTANDING YOUR FIRST SEMESTER SEQUENCE**

Every major has a guideline for its first semester students: the **First Semester Sequence**. Within this sequence of courses, you will see Major Requirements, First Seminar Program (FSP), Liberal Learning, Second Language, and Interdisciplinary Studies Requirements. Please reference this First Semester Sequence while completing your online First Semester Worksheet.

### Music – Bachelor of Arts

#### Major Requirements

All incoming freshmen will be pre-registered for Major Requirement courses:

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#### First Seminar Program (FSP)

Select six from the following recommended FSPs (1 unit):

- FSP 161 (Any Section)
- FSP 162 (Any Section)
- FSP 163 (Any Section)

#### Second Language

This major requires 2nd language proficiency to the 103 level.

Information about language placement criteria is available at http://wlc.pages.tcnj.edu/. No placement exam is needed to take a 101 or 151 level course in a language not previously studied.

#### Liberal Learning

You need to take one liberal learning course. However, you should select six courses from any of the following liberal learning categories on your online First Semester Worksheet (1 unit):

- World Views and Ways of Knowing
- Social Change in Historical Perspectives
- Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Perspectives
- Natural Science (with lab)
- Quantitative Reasoning
- And/or any course satisfying at least one civic responsibility category.

See http://www.liberallearning.pages.tcnj.edu for additional information.

#### Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Requirement

All incoming freshmen will be pre-registered for:

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A ‘full’ load is 4 course units.

**Major Requirements**: The Major Requirements section provides a detailed list of the specific major courses you are required to take during your first semester. You will be preregistered for them.

**First Seminar Program (FSP)**: The FSP is the cornerstone of the Liberal Learning Program. Please select six FSP courses from the categories on the left, and indicate them on your online First Semester Worksheet. View all sections on the First Seminar website: http://fsp.pages.tcnj.edu. Please bear in mind that we will only see them in alphabetical order, not your order of preference, and that we will make every effort to enroll you in one of the six.

**Second Language and Liberal Learning**: You should take one language course or one course in liberal learning. If you place out of a language altogether, then you should take one liberal learning course.

There are three ways to complete your liberal learning (LL) requirements: a nine-course distribution, a 6 to 8 course Inter-disciplinary Concentration, or a 2nd major. Please indicate your request on your online First Semester Worksheet as above.

See http://www.liberallearning.pages.tcnj.edu for additional information.

**Interdisciplinary Studies**: IDS 102 is a required, online, non-credit course administered by the library staff satisfying the information literacy component of the Liberal Learning Program. You should meet this proficiency during your first semester. IDS 103 is our way of keeping track of your community engaged learning requirement. As above, you receive no specific academic credit for it, but you should complete it by the end of your first year.

**Summer Reading Program (SRP 99)**: This required, non-credited program welcomes you to TCNJ’s intellectual community by asking you to critically read a thought-provoking book and share your insights about the book in small group discussions with your peers led by a facilitator during Welcome Week.