

# The Graduate Handbook

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## INTRODUCTION

According to the National Association of Schools of Music, graduate education in music should foster and develop (1) those talents, interests, and philosophies that preserve and extend our cultural heritage; (2) professional competence in the communication and dissemination of knowledge; and (3) individuals with the potential to solve contemporary problems in various aspects of music. The University of Arizona, ranked among the nation’s most distinguished research universities, provides an invigorating academic and artistic milieu in which to pursue such development. The diversity and distinction of the approximately 180 domestic and international graduate students enrolled at the Fred Fox School of Music (FFSOM) and the approximately 60 internationally-recognized scholars, composers, and performers who comprise the school’s faculty creates a stimulating work environment and encourages both formal and informal exchanges of experiences, ideas, and knowledge. In addition to academic classes and ensemble participation graduate students work individually with faculty members in small seminars and tutorials, in studio and coaching sessions, and in the preparation of theses, dissertations, and performance projects. The FFSOM functions within the College of Fine Arts and the broader university, relationships which make possible interdisciplinary research. This Handbook has been created in response to the diversity of the academic and artistic opportunities offered by the FFSOM and the complexity of both school and university procedures and policies. It is intended to help students fully and efficiently realize their academic goals by providing a definitive summary of current policies and procedures pertaining to graduate study in music in the FFSOM.

## ADMISSIONS

### General Requirements and Procedures

Academic achievements are one indicator of personal commitment to the chosen discipline and to the highest possible standards of scholarly and creative performance. A minimum grade point average of 3.00 is required by the Graduate College of the UA for regular admission to all graduate programs. Applicants for master's degrees must have a bachelor's degree in music or its equivalent as determined by the FFSOM Director of Graduate Studies and faculty. Applicants for doctoral degrees must have a master's degree in music or its equivalent as determined by the FFSOM Director of Graduate Studies and faculty. Application is made through two online portals, [Acceptd](#) (which is reviewed by the FFSOM faculty) and [UA GradApp](#) (which is reviewed by the UA Graduate College).

## **Deadlines**

The FFSOM requests submission of all admissions materials for domestic student applications by no later than June 1 for fall admission, October 1 for spring admission, and March 1 for summer sessions. The FFSOM welcomes applications from international students. International student applications are due April 1 for fall admission, September 1 for spring admission, and February 1 for summer sessions. The UA Graduate College will not accept international applications after June 1 for fall admission. All students, domestic and international, who wish to receive the fullest consideration for financial aid or scholarships should submit all materials by December 1 for admission the following fall.

## **Transcripts**

As noted in Graduate College admission instructions (<https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/requirements/transcript-requirements>), applicants must upload unofficial PDF versions of all transcripts and/or mark sheets when submitting their application in the [UA GradApp](#) system, including summer institutes or workshops. If the records are not in English, applicants must provide the official original language document with a certified English translation. Once formally admitted to the university students must submit official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended no later than 30 days after the beginning of their first semester. Transcripts must list all degrees earned. Failure to comply to these requirements may jeopardize financial awards and future registration. The Graduate College will not issue a certificate of admission or supporting materials for visas until all required documents have been submitted and approved.

## **English Fluency Requirements for International Students**

International students must demonstrate proficiency in English as one of the conditions for admission (see <https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/requirements/international-applicants#english-proficiency> for an explanation of Graduate College policies relating to this requirement). International students whose native language is not English must meet or exceed basic university standards for the TOEFL or IELTS examinations (550 PB, 79 IBT, 7 IELTS) to be admitted to FFSOM graduate programs, unless they have completed a degree at an American institution of higher learning. International students intending to hold a graduate assistantship involving student teaching must score 24 or higher on the TOEFL IBT Speaking Subtest regardless of prior academic work. There are no exceptions for English fluency requirements. The FFSOM will not request exemptions from standard Graduate College and U.S. Immigration procedures and policies.

## **Readmission to the University**

Students must maintain continuous enrollment until the completion of all degree requirements or they will be placed on inactive status and must reapply to the university. Information regarding readmission is available at <https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/types/readmission-requirements>.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Graduate students in music may apply for different types of financial assistance from the FFSOM, several of which are described below. Students receiving Graduate Assistantships, Graduate College Fellowships, and RC Waivers (Graduate Tuition Waivers) are required to be degree-seeking and to maintain full-time enrollment status. Audited and undergraduate-level courses do not qualify in meeting minimum enrollment requirements. Students also are encouraged to visit the UA Graduate College website at <https://grad.arizona.edu/funding> to learn about additional funding opportunities. Students should plan to work closely with their major professors on financial aid, since most recommendations for funding from the FFSOM originate from individual faculty members. Applications for financial aid from the FFSOM will receive most favorable consideration if completed by December 1. All students receiving financial aid must submit a FAFSA or its international equivalent.

## **Assistantships**

The FFSOM annually appoints more than eighty graduate assistants (GA). Most are .25 (quarter-time) appointments involving teaching that require a commitment of about ten hours per week, though in exceptional circumstances students may hold .33 or .5 FTE positions. Applicants for teaching assistantships (TAs) should be able to demonstrate that they possess an aptitude for teaching. International students from countries where the primary language is not English (see [International Graduate Admissions Requirements](#)) must have a TOEFL Speaking Subtest score of 24 or higher in order to hold a position with teaching responsibilities, even if they previously attended a U.S. institution of higher learning. The music education area additionally requires students seeking a teaching assistantship to provide a video recording of a teaching demonstration, a letter of intent, and a writing sample.

GA stipends and benefits are adjusted annually. Quarter-time GAs currently include the following benefits: 100% waiver of out-of-state tuition; 50% waiver of in-state tuition; coverage of individual health insurance; 10% discount at the ASUA Bookstore; and stipends (currently in the 6-7k range). The Arizona State Board of Regents requires compulsory training for all newly-appointed graduate teaching assistants (Title IX, FERPA, TATO). Any recipient of an assistantship who is unable to complete the required training procedures will forfeit the assistantship.

Graduate students who hold assistantships must register for a minimum of six (6) units of graduate credit. Audited courses and undergraduate-level courses do not qualify for these minimum registration requirements. Typically, master's students in the FFSOM are encouraged to register for at least 10-14 units per semester and doctoral students for at least 14-20 units per semester (including dissertation units) in order to complete their graduate programs in a timely fashion.

Under normal conditions GAs may be held for up to four semesters, contingent upon favorable evaluations from the faculty supervisor, recommendation of the area coordinator, and continued availability of funding. Master's degree students who continue into a doctoral program may be eligible to continue as GAs. In such cases, the reckoning of years of service as a graduate assistant begins again during the first semester of the new degree program.

All Graduate Assistants are evaluated each semester by their supervising professors. Continuation of a teaching or administrative assistantship is dependent upon satisfactory evaluations from the supervising professor. Faculty mentors will observe students and evaluate their work each semester to ensure the continuation of their appointments.

## **Graduate College Fellowships (GCF) and Graduate Tuition Waivers (RC Waivers)**

A significant amount of financial assistance is available to full-time students through Graduate College Fellowships (GCF) and Graduate Tuition Waivers (also called Responsibility Center Unit Waivers, RCW). For exceptionally gifted students GCF and RCW awards can exceed \$10,000 per academic year. They differ in that RCW aid can only be applied to tuition. These types of financial aid are awarded for one academic year; renewal is not automatic. Members of the FFSOM faculty nominate qualified recipients and the FFSOM Associate Director and/or the FFSOM Scholarship Committee allocate these funds.

## **Cash Scholarships**

The FFSOM Scholarship Committee awards many need-based and merit cash scholarships annually. All recommendations for scholarships originate with area faculties. Recipients often have the opportunity of corresponding or interacting with the donors (or their heirs) of named cash scholarships and awards.

## **Loans**

All student loans are handled through the University of Arizona Office of Student Financial Aid, 203 UA Administration Building. An applicant must be admitted to a degree program before submitting an application to the Office of Student Financial Aid. The total processing time at the University, bank, and guaranty agency can take up to four months. Students are, therefore, urged to apply early.

## **SELECTED UA AND GRADUATE COLLEGE POLICIES**

### **Student Code of Conduct**

“The aim of education is the intellectual, personal, social, and ethical development of the individual. The educational process is ideally conducted in an environment that encourages reasoned discourse, intellectual honesty, openness to constructive change and respect for the rights of all individuals. Self-discipline and a respect for the rights of others in the university community are necessary for the fulfillment of such goals.” (<https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policies-codes>)

### **Academic Integrity**

“Integrity is expected of every student in all academic work. The guiding principle of academic integrity is that a student’s submitted work must be the student’s own. This principle is furthered by the student Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedures established by ABOR Policies 5-308 – 5-403, all provision of which apply to all University of Arizona students.” (<https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policies-codes>)

### **Time Limits**

All requirements for the master's degrees must be completed within six years (<https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/degree-requirements/masters-degrees>). Doctoral students must complete their degree within five years of passing their Comprehensive Examination (<https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/degree-requirements/doctor-philosophy> and <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/degree-requirements/doctor-musical-arts>). Should a doctoral student not finish within that time period, with the permission of the Director of Graduate Studies and the student’s major professor he or she may be allowed to extend their study by retaking the Comprehensive Examination. If a student is nearly finished with all of their doctoral work after five years have elapsed, they may petition the UA Graduate College to waive repeating their Comprehensive Exams.

### **Continuous Enrollment**

Students must be in compliance with the Graduate College Continuous Enrollment Policy at all times (<https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/enrollment-policies/continuous-enrollment>). A student admitted to a master’s degree program must register each fall and spring for a minimum of three graduate units from the semester of original matriculation until all coursework on their Plan of Study has been completed. When this requirement is met, master's students not on financial assistance and/or not needing to maintain appropriate visa status must register each semester for one unit of thesis credit, master's report credit, or master's recital credit until they have completed all degree requirements. If the degree program requirements are to be completed in the summer, the student must register for a minimum of one unit of graduate credit during that term. If students plan to make use of university facilities and faculty in the summer, they must enroll for one unit of graduate credit.

A student admitted to a doctoral program must register each fall and spring for a minimum of three graduate units from original matriculation until the completion of all course work on their Plan of Study, written and oral comprehensive exams, and 20 dissertation units (18 units for doctorates in composition, music education, music theory, and musicology). When these requirements are met, doctoral students must register for a minimum of one unit each semester until final copies of the document or dissertation are submitted to the Graduate College for

archiving. Students receiving financial aid, however, may be required by their funding source to register for more than one unit to meet full-time status requirements.

Unless excused by an official Leave of Absence (which in no case may exceed one year throughout the student's degree program), all graduate students are subject to the Continuous Enrollment Policy and must pay in-state and out-of-state tuition (if applicable) and fees in order to remain in the program. If the student fails to obtain a Leave of Absence, or fails to maintain continuous enrollment, he or she will be required to reapply for the program, pay the Graduate College application fee, and pay all overdue tuition and fees, including cumulative late penalties. No tuition or registration waivers may be granted retroactively.

### **Enrollment Guidelines for Doctoral Course Units; Doctoral Candidacy; Full-Time Status & Advanced Status**

DMA degrees in performance and conducting do not have a single dissertation document, but rather have a "distributed dissertation," since the DMA "dissertation" consists of the Qualifying, Ensemble, and Solo Recitals (or their equivalents for DMA degrees in conducting), plus the Lecture Recital and Lecture-Recital Document. DMA students therefore typically begin registering for dissertation/recital units (MUS 925) from their first semester of study. For each semester of MUS 925 enrollment faculty assign a grade of "S" (Superior), "P" (Passing), "F" (Failing), or "I" (Incomplete), in accordance with university policy (<http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/grades-and-grading-system>).

Doctoral students are advanced to Doctoral Candidacy by the Graduate College when they have completed all required courses on their Plan of Study, have passed their written and oral comprehensive examinations, and have completed all required dissertation units (18 or 20).

"During the fall and spring semesters, for students with Graduate Assistant/Associate appointments, full-time status consists of a minimum enrollment in 6 units of graduate credit. A graduate student working on a thesis or dissertation who is only enrolled in 900-level units and not employed as a Graduate Assistant/Associate must be enrolled in 3 units. A student who has completed all course work, [and] the thesis/dissertation unit requirements, has advanced to candidacy, is working on the thesis/dissertation, and is not employed as a Graduate Assistant/Associate may apply for [Advanced Status](#), which allows 1 unit of 900-level credit for full-time status. In all other cases, full-time status consists of a minimum enrollment in 9 units of graduate credit." (<http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/enrollment-policies>).

## MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

### Master's Degree Course and Program Requirements

The University of Arizona FFSOM offers the Master of Music degree with emphases in Composition, Conducting, Ethnomusicology, Music Education, Music Theory, Musicology, and Performance (Instrumental, Harpsichord, Organ, Piano, Piano Accompanying, Piano Performance and Dance Accompanying, and Voice).

This Handbook is meant to be used in conjunction with the information on graduate study provided by the UA Graduate College at <https://grad.arizona.edu>. Students must follow the degree requirements as outlined in the current FFSOM Graduate Handbook in the semester of their admission. Degree students whose registration has been inactive for two or more consecutive semesters who return to graduate study must follow the FFSOM Graduate Handbook degree requirements in effect during the semester of their readmission rather than the Handbook in effect at the time of their earlier admission.

PLEASE NOTE: Applied music registration requires concurrent enrollment in the appropriate large conducted ensemble (MUS 500; see p. 15 of this Handbook for a listing of 500-level ensembles), or in certain instances, in MUS 501 or 502. Students may opt to take additional units of applied music (MUSI) beyond those specified in the curricular grids.

<b>Composition</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUS 640	Advanced Composition	9
MUS 696D	Composition Seminar	6
MUS 534	Music Since 1950	3
MUS 910	Thesis (a portfolio of original compositions)	3
MUSI 580 or 585	Applied Instrument or Voice	4
MUS 500 or 501 or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Coached Ensemble, or Small Conducted Ensemble	1 or 2
MUS	Music Theory	6
MUS	Music History	3
	Total	35 or 36

<b>Ethnomusicology</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUS 696B or 699	Musicology Introduction and Methods*	3
MUS 696F	Seminar in Ethnomusicology	3



MUS	Music History	6
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUSI 580 or 585	Applied Instrument or Voice	4
MUS 500Q/MUS 501/ MUS 502/MUS 500T	Non-western ensemble experience, e.g., World Music Gang, Mariachi Arizona, Summer Thunder, Steel Band; or <i>Collegium Musicum</i>	2
MUS 910	Thesis	3
ANTH 507/608B/698B	Cultural Anthropology (choices may vary; consult with ethnomusicology advisor)	6
	Total	30
<p>(*) Ethnomusicology majors may also substitute MUS 600 with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.</p> <p>Students must have a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language appropriate to their area of interest and approved by the department. Knowledge of French or German is strongly encouraged. Students whose first language is not English may petition to use their native language. Competency will be measured by an examination to be completed before the Master's Oral Examination is scheduled.</p>		

<b>Music Education</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUS 550 or MUSI 585*	Advanced Studies in Music Teaching or Applied Conducting Lessons	3 or 4
MUS 551	Behavioral Research in the Arts	3
MUSI 580 or 585	Applied Instrument, Voice, or Conducting	4
MUS 500 (or 501/502, piano only)	Large Conducted Ensemble (or Coached Ensemble/Small Conducted Ensemble, piano only)	2
MUS 909 or MUS 910**	Master's Project or Thesis	3
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Musicology	3
MUS	Music Education Electives	9
	Total	30 or 31
<p>Courses that count as Music Education Electives: MUS 525, MUS 550, MUS 635, MUS 650, MUS 654, MUS 696A (maximum of 6 credits allowed toward graduation), and MUS 696C.</p> <p>(*) Placement audition required. (**) Recommended for students who plan on entering a doctoral program</p> <p>Prerequisite: Students are expected to hold a current teaching certificate and to have completed an undergraduate degree in music education. Requests for exceptions to these prerequisites may be submitted to the Coordinator of Music Education for consideration.</p>		

<b>Music Theory</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUS	Music Theory	12
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Music	3
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	2
MUS	Musicology/Ethnomusicology	6
MUS 910	Thesis	4
MUS	Music electives	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>
A reading knowledge of French or German is required. Competency will be measured by an examination to be completed before the Master's Oral Examination is scheduled.		

<b>Musicology</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUS 696B or 699	Musicology Introduction and Methods	3
MUS	Music History	9
MUS	Music Theory	6
MUSI 580 or 585	Applied Instrument or Voice	4
MUS 500Q or MUS 501	<i>Collegium Musicum</i> or <i>Arizona Baroque</i> . Note that <i>Arizona Baroque</i> participation does not supersede or replace large conducted ensemble participation requirements for all students taking private MUSI music lessons.	2
MUS 910	Thesis	3
MUS	Music Electives	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>
A reading knowledge of French or German is required. Competency will be measured by an examination to be completed before the Master's Oral Examination is scheduled.		

<b>Performance (Choral Conducting)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUS 635	Choral Seminar	12
MUSI 685	Conducting	4
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	4
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Music History	3
MUS 915	Master's Recitals	2
MUS	Music Electives	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

<b>Performance (Instrumental Conducting with Wind Band or Orchestral Emphasis)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Conducting	8
MUSI 580 or 585	Individual Studies (Instrument)	4
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	4
MUS 525	History and Literature appropriate to concentration area*	3
MUS	Music History	3
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS 915	Master's Recital	2
MUS	Music electives	3
	Total	30
*Students in the Instrumental Conducting with Wind Band emphasis must take MUS 525, History and Repertoire of the Wind Band.		

<b>Performance (Instrumental)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Applied Instrument Lessons	8
MUS 500 (or 501/502, guitar & harp only)	Large Conducted Ensemble (or Coached Ensemble/Small Conducted Ensemble, guitar & harp only)	4
MUS 510	Pedagogy	2
MUS	Music Theory *	3/6
MUS	Music History *	3/6
MUS	Music Electives	6
MUS	Master's Recital	1
	Total	30
* Either two history courses and one theory course or two theory courses and one history course are needed to fulfill these requirements.		

<b>Performance (Harpsichord)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Applied Lessons	8
MUS 500, 501, or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Small Coached Ensemble, Small Conducted Ensemble	2
MUS 520 A/B	Counterpoint	6
MUS 510 A/B	Pedagogy (Decker section)	4
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Music History	6
MUS 915	Master's Recital	1
	Total	30

<b>Performance (Organ)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Applied Lessons	8
MUS 500, 501, or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Small Coached Ensemble, Small Conducted Ensemble	2
MUS 520 A/B	Counterpoint	6
MUS 510 A/B	Pedagogy (Decker section)	4
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Music History	6
MUS 915	Master's Recital	1
	Total	30

<b>Performance (Piano)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Applied Lessons	8
MUS 500, 501, or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Small Coached Ensemble, Small Conducted Ensemble	4
MUS 526 A/B	Piano Literature	6
MUS 510 A/B	Pedagogy	4
MUS	Music Theory *	3/6
MUS	Music History *	3/6
MUS 915	Master's Recital	1
	Total	32
* Either two history courses and one theory course or two theory courses and one history course are needed to fulfill these requirements.		

<b>Performance (Piano Accompanying)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Accompanying Lessons	8
MUSI 685	Applied Piano Lessons	4
MUS 500 or 501 or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Coached Ensemble, or Small Conducted Ensemble	2-3
MUS 693	Internship	2
MUS 510 A/B	Pedagogy	4
MUS 522 A/B	Art Song	4
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Music History	3
MUS 915	Master's Recital	1
	Total	31 or 32

<b>Performance (Piano and Dance Accompanying)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Dance Accompaniment	8
MUSI 685	Applied Piano Lessons	4
MUS 500 or 501 or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Coached Ensemble, or Small Conducted Ensemble	2 or 3
MUS 693	Internship	2
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Music History	3
MUS 915	Master's Recital	2
MUS 596E	Seminar in Music/Dance	2
DNC 595A	Teaching Methods in Dance	3
DNC 599	Independent Study in Dance	4
	Total	33 or 34

<b>Performance (Vocal)</b>		<b>Units</b>
MUSI 685	Applied Voice Lessons	8
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	2
MUS 510	Pedagogy (offered as a class every other even-numbered year)	2
MUS 605L	Opera Theatre	4
MUS 522 A/B	Art Song	4
MUS 523 A/B	History of the Opera	6
MUS 915	Master's Recital	1
MUS	Music Theory	3
MUS	Music Electives	2
	Total	32

Graduate vocal students must complete a minimum of one year of grammar study at the university level of French, German and Italian. Students may be exempt from this requirement by placing into the 201 level or higher of the respective language as determined by the UA Department of Modern Languages placement exam. The placement exam should be administered in the first semester of study. The voice area language requirement must be completed before scheduling a master's or doctoral oral examination. This requirement can be satisfied by coursework successfully completed at the undergraduate level.

## The Journey to the Master of Music Degree

Students are responsible for knowing and completing the course requirements for their particular program. Entering students are urged to keep a copy of the FFSOM Graduate Handbook from the year of their matriculation. Academic and other institutional policies are subject to periodic review and revision. Such revisions become effective at the time of their announced implementation, unless otherwise indicated. Students are expected, therefore, to acquaint themselves with current academic regulations found in the most recent edition of the FFSOM Graduate Handbook and in the UA Graduate Catalog.

### Ensemble Policy

Master of Music degrees require large conducted ensemble participation as delineated in each degree grid. Applied music registration (MUSI) requires concurrent enrollment in the appropriate large conducted ensemble (MUS 500). The appropriate large conducted ensemble varies by degree plan. The required large conducted ensemble, designed to support applied and academic study in each degree plan, must be chosen from the following list:

- MM Bowed Strings: MUS 500, based on placement audition, with bowed string faculty and large conducted ensemble faculty approval
- MM Musicology: MUS 500Q *Collegium Musicum*
- MM Music Education: MUS 500L Arizona Choir, MUS 500E Wind Ensemble, MUS 500D Wind Symphony, MUS 500O Orchestra, or MUS 500R Jazz Band A
- MM Piano (Accompanying): MUS 500D, E, L, I, J, S, or O
- MM Piano (Dance Accompanying): MUS 500D, E, L, I, J, S, or O
- MM Piano (Performance)\*: MUS 500E, L, I, J, S, or O (\*Only one semester of large conducted ensemble required--the other three semesters to be elective chamber music experiences)
- MM Theory: MUS 500 (A-Z)
- MM Voice: MUS 500L Arizona Choir
- MM Wind/Percussion: MUS 500D, E, O, or R

An audition process designed and administered by the ensemble directors in consultation with the applied faculty and approved by the Director of the FFSOM will determine participation in the appropriate large conducted ensemble. Students whose degree grids specify a large conducted ensemble requirement of two or more credits must participate in a large conducted ensemble in a two-semester sequence.

### Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students are expected to enroll in at least one core class per semester until all core courses are completed. A 3.0 semester and cumulative GPA must be maintained. If the GPA falls below 3.0 in any semester, the consequence may be loss of financial aid and/or dismissal. Appeals may be made directly to the Director of Graduate Studies.

### Master of Music Suggested Timeline

When	What
Semester 1	Diagnostic Examinations in Music Theory, Music History, and Diction (voice only).
	Meet with Dir. of Grad. Studies (DGS) to prepare the Cover Sheet for the Plan of Study (POS)
	Submit Masters Plan of Study on UA GradPath (may be modified in subsequent semesters if necessary)
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (at least six if GTA), including at least one core course Submit FFSOM Committee Member form to the DGS.
Semester 2	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course.
Semester 3	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course

	For all degrees requiring a master's thesis: submit proposal to Graduate Committee for approval (Music Education Projects only require approval by the Music Education faculty)
Semester 4	Final semester: complete remaining course work
	Thesis option: complete thesis with committee approval. Submit to the UA Graduate College
	Non-Thesis Option: perform Master's recital
	Music Education Project: complete project with committee approval. Submit to the Graduate College
	Final Oral Examination

## Diagnostic Examinations

All entering graduate students are required to take diagnostic examinations in music history and music theory, and students will not be permitted to register for core musicology or theory courses until the exams have been taken. Voice students also take a diagnostic exam in diction. These 2-3 hour examinations are administered prior to the beginning of classes in the fall and spring semesters. The music history diagnostic exam also is offered online prior to summer session classes. Students who show deficiencies on these exams may be required to take designated course work, which must be completed prior to enrollment in graduate musicology and theory courses. Partial courses may not fulfill deficiencies. Undergraduate courses required as a result of the diagnostic examinations must be completed with a grade of "B" or higher. All graduate-level courses in music history and music theory required by the diagnostic exams and completed with a grade of "C" or higher may be used to fulfill master's degree requirements.

Graduate diagnostic examinations in music history and music theory may be taken only once. Students who proceed directly from master's degrees into doctoral degrees at The University of Arizona are exempt from additional diagnostic examinations.

## Academic Advising

The Director of Graduate Studies is the primary academic advisor for all graduate students. Students should consult with the DGS each semester to ensure that they are maintaining good academic progress. Students also should communicate regularly with their major professors about their area of concentration and advisory committee issues.

## The FFSOM Graduate Committee

The FFSOM Graduate Committee, which includes faculty representatives from the various fields of emphasis in the FFSOM, is responsible for the formation and implementation of graduate curricular policies. During its weekly meetings the committee reviews proposals for theses, documents, and dissertations, and also conducts an ongoing review of policies and procedures affecting graduate study in the FFSOM. Students should feel free to contact either the DGS or the committee member from their area concerning petitions for the committee and questions about graduate study or policies.

## Your Advisory Committee

Student Advisory Committees are established following discussion between the student, the major professor, and the Director of Graduate Studies. A FFSOM Committee Member form must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies no later than the end of the second semester of master's work. Master's Student Advisory Committees (which include your major professor and two other professors from your area of study) evaluate recitals, supervise the preparation of theses and projects, and administer the Master's Oral Examination. Advisory committee membership normally is limited to tenure-eligible faculty members. A listing of faculty by area is available on-line at <https://music.arizona.edu/people/directory/>. Non-tenure eligible faculty may be granted Regular or Special Member status to serve on graduate committees by permission of the UA Graduate



College, upon approval of a petition submitted by the Director of Graduate Studies of the FFSOM (see <https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/graduate-student-committee-service>). Tenure-eligible faculty who leave the university and Emeritus faculty may continue to serve on advisory committees for at least one year after they leave the university. A FFSOM Committee Member form must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies no later than the end of the second semester of master's work. The FFSOM Graduate Committee resolves disagreements regarding committee membership.

Faculty who agree to attend a recital or oral examination may occasionally have a conflict. If this occurs, the student must notify the Director of Graduate Studies immediately. The DGS will ask another faculty member in the student's area or a member of the FFSOM Graduate Committee to attend and evaluate the recital.

Most faculty contracts are for the nine months of the academic year (mid-August to mid-May) and do not include the months of June and July. Please be aware of this when asking faculty to attend recitals, oral examinations, or to assist in other ways in their role as members of your advisory committee.

### **Master of Music Study Plan**

Master's degree students develop a formal plan of study (POS) during the first semester of study. This is an essential document, and students are not eligible to register for lessons in their second year without a completed POS. Students fill out a paper Cover Sheet for the POS with the assistance of the Director of Graduate Studies immediately following their diagnostic exams, and complete the remainder of the POS on an online [GradPath](#) form found on the UAccess Student website (<https://uaccess.arizona.edu>).

### **Master's Recitals**

All performance and conducting master's students present degree recitals. Master of Music candidates in performance present one solo recital, which should include at least 50 minutes of music and whose overall length should not exceed 90 minutes. Master of Music candidates in conducting present a series of recitals as assigned by their major professor. Recitals that do not meet these requirements must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.

Prior to the recital, piano, string and voice majors may be required to present a pre-recital hearing to demonstrate that the program is memorized and that performance standards have been met. Discuss details of the hearing with your major professor.

There are three forms that must be submitted in order to schedule a recital, all of which can be accessed from the Recital Information page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/recitals/>) or the Music Tech page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>) on the FFSOM website. The Scheduling Form, the Technical Request Form, and the Program Form all are due not less than thirty days prior to your recital. Failure to submit these forms at least thirty days prior to your recital may result in the cancellation of your recital.

#### **Recital Forms:**

1. The Recital Scheduling Form reserves a date on the master calendar, and should be completed at least several months in advance of your intended recital date.
2. The Recital Technical Request Form notifies the facilities coordinator of special needs (e.g., pianos, chairs, stands) and arranges for recording the recital.
3. The Recital Program Form lists the program and assisting performers, and is used to obtain the consent of faculty for the performance of the recital. The actual form is located on the CFA Console.
4. Conductors may have additional program requirements as directed by the major professor.

Before submitting a Recital Program Form you should have already discussed your recital pieces with your Major Professor. When you are ready to submit the form visit the CFA Console

(<https://console.cfa.arizona.edu/index.php>) and follow the Recital Program Form link. We strongly recommend that you complete the Recital Program Form at least 45 days prior to your recital in order to ensure that your form has all requisite electronic signatures and approvals.

Enter the details of your recital (date, location, etc.) on the form. When complete, you will be prompted to enter your performance pieces. Enter them one at a time in the order you intend to perform them. Be prepared with the name of the piece, composer's name, composer's dates, and an estimated length of the piece.

The form will determine if your recital length satisfies time requirements, and you will be prompted to submit your form. Since the system requires a 50-minute minimum for recitals, conducting students who are submitting programs for conducting rotations fill out the remainder of the 50 minutes by writing a final entry of n/a for title, composer, and date, along with the necessary number of minutes to bring their program to at least 50 minutes. Submitting the form sends e-mail to all faculty members who must approve your program. Online forms cannot be edited after submission, so any form requiring changes will have to be redone and resubmitted.

Please remember: all necessary faculty approvals must be complete 30 days prior to your recital date. The online system will send e-mail requests when you submit your form, but it remains your responsibility to follow up with any faculty who need to approve your form.

When your Recital Program Form has been approved by all necessary faculty members it will be automatically submitted to the FFSOM for processing.

You can monitor the status of your Recital Program Form by visiting the CFA Console at any time (<https://console.cfa.arizona.edu/index.php>). You also will receive status update e-mails throughout the process.

If a recital is to be given off campus, it is the student's responsibility to make all necessary arrangements with the venue. Regardless of the location of the recital (on or off campus), the date must be reserved through the Recital Scheduling Form at least 30 days prior to the recital.

Performance students should be registered for lessons during the semester that a recital is given. Students are encouraged to write program notes.

Additional details concerning recital procedures and policies may be found on the FFSOM Music Tech page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>).

Recitals are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. As with graduate oral examinations, two negative votes constitute failure. In such cases the Director of Graduate Studies will consult with the student's recital evaluators and area faculty to determine if (1) a student will be permitted to repeat the degree recital and (2) they will be able to continue in the program. If a student is asked to repeat a degree recital they may vary the repertory at the recommendation of their Major Professor, but they must perform a full recital. The amount of time that must elapse before the second attempt is at the discretion of the Major Professor and the student's recital committee, but may not be less than thirty days in order to meet scheduling deadlines. The Director of Graduate Studies will attend second-attempt degree recitals. Students who fail a degree recital two times will be asked to leave the program.

### **Master's Theses, Master's Projects, and Master's Compositions**

Composition students compose a work 8-15 minutes in length.

Students in musicology, music theory, and music education write a thesis in partial fulfillment of degree requirements, or complete a project in lieu of a thesis (music education only). This research must be in compliance with UA policies on Human Subjects research. Please contact the Director of Graduate Studies to

determine if your research involves work with human subjects, and if so, complete all relevant training and required forms for IRB approval.

The Graduate College rules and regulations governing the writing and submission of theses may be found in online manuals at <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses/dissertation-and-thesis-formatting-guides>.

### Formal Proposals for Theses

Graduate students who write a thesis must submit a formal proposal to the FFSOM Graduate Committee. Proposals average from 20-30 pages in length and should include musical examples if appropriate.

After the major professor and the student's advisory committee have signed the proposal signature sheet indicating that it is ready for review, the student turns in the signature sheet to the Director of Graduate Studies and electronically submits the proposal to the DGS as an MSWord document or a PDF file. After review by the DGS to ensure that basic proposal guidelines have been met the proposal is forwarded to the Graduate Committee for its initial review. The Graduate Committee will either invite the student to appear before the committee to present the proposal in person, approve it without student appearance before the committee, or request revisions. If the proposal is not approved after three reviews by the Graduate Committee the candidate will have to develop and present an entirely new proposal and topic. If the Graduate Committee requires revisions, all revisions and recommendations requested must be incorporated into the newest revision before it is resubmitted, and the student's Faculty Advisory Committee must review, sign and date the revised proposal.

In order to be considered by the Graduate Committee during the spring semester, graduate proposals must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies for preliminary review not later than four weeks before the last day of spring classes. Proposals subsequently passed from the Director of Graduate Studies to the Graduate Committee for review will be considered in the order received. Proposals that cannot be reviewed by the committee in its final meetings will be considered at the first meeting of the fall semester.

### Guidelines for Proposals for Master's Theses in Musicology, Ethnomusicology, and Music Theory (on the cover)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Draft #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
  - Degree sought, with area of concentration
  - Type of study: Thesis
  - Include this statement and appropriate signatures:

I have read this proposal and believe it is ready for consideration by the Graduate Committee

Major Professor	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name	
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name	
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name	

2. Proposed Title
3. Intent and Scope of Study

Introduce the subject you will investigate and delineate the limits of your study. Define technical or special terms, and words not used in their ordinary sense.

4. Statement of Primary Thesis

A thesis is a simple declarative statement that can be discussed and maintained against objections. Your thesis statement should concisely express (one or two sentences) the main point you intend to make concerning your subject. For additional information about what a thesis statement is and how to create one, please see <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/thesis-statements/>.

5. Review of the Scholarly Literature

Describe how your thinking has been shaped by the scholarly literature on your subject, and demonstrate the independence of your thesis by differentiating your research from the scholarship cited in the Sources.

6. Organization

Outline the main divisions and subdivisions of your work, using standard outline format. If you are preparing a lecture-recital document, show how your *viva-voce* presentation will differ from your written presentation and give the title(s) of the compositions you will perform. Indicate which items of the written document will be omitted or compressed.

7. Methodology

List the principal steps you have taken to investigate your subject. Exemplify how you will use evidence drawn from your research to support your primary thesis. Include musical examples that illustrate the manner in which you will analyze the music under consideration. Identify and discuss the principal assumptions inherent in your treatment of your subject.

8. Sources

Provide a selective list of sources dealing directly with your subject. Bibliographic format should follow Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (current ed.).

9. Please paginate your proposal.

**Music Education Template for Thesis Proposals Submitted to the Graduate Committee  
Quantitative and Qualitative Methodologies**

**Cover Page**

Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address  
Degree sought, with major and minor areas of concentration  
Type of study (Thesis)

Include this statement and appropriate signatures:

I have read this proposal and believe it is ready for consideration by the Graduate Committee.

Major Professor	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name	
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____
	Signature	print name	
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name	

**Title Page** (Separate Page)

This is the first page of your paper. Your title page should include the following:

- The Running Head
- The Title of Your Paper
- The Author(s) Name, Address, Telephone Number, E-mail address
- Style Manual Used (“This paper conforms to the.... “)

**Introduction** (Separate Page)

Do not use the heading Introduction, instead type the title of your paper here.

- Background of the Problem
- Need for the Study
- Theory — If Applicable (Extremely brief)

**Review of Literature**

Do not use the heading Review of Literature - no heading should be used for this section. Do not use a separate page for this section. The review continues directly after your introductory paragraphs.

- Brief description of research that is **directly** or **primarily** related to your study. Present the findings of individuals or groups of studies and begin to form a conceptual framework for your study.
- Brief description of the theory you are utilizing (if applicable)
- Summary of the literature and a focus to the formation of research question

<b>Quantitative Format</b>	<b>Qualitative Format</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement of Purpose</li><li>• Research Questions</li><li>• Null or Alternative Hypotheses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement of Purpose</li><li>• Research Questions</li></ul>

**Methodology (Method and Purpose)**

Not a separate page. You can use the heading Method, Method and Purpose, Design, or Methodology for this section

Quantitative Format	Qualitative Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample (or Participants) (Gender, age, range, geographical location, socioeconomic status, how selected, etc.)</li> <li>• Discuss tests/surveys to be administered, demographic data sheets to be used, etc. (Include validity and reliability information where appropriate.)</li> <li>• Discuss Procedure - Manner in which data will be collected, tests/surveys were administered, etc.</li> <li>• Provide Design if not included in above discussion (Discuss Internal and External Validity, Maturation Effects, John Henry Effect, Ceiling Effects, etc. if appropriate)</li> <li>• Discuss Analyses to be used and if not already mentioned identify the dependent and independent variables.</li> <li>• State Null or Alternative Hypotheses (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample (or Participants) (Gender, age, range, geographical location, socioeconomic status, how selected, etc.)</li> <li>• Discuss Procedure - Manner in which data will be collected</li> <li>• Discuss Analyses to be used</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Qualitative research is rooted in the traditions of sociology and anthropology, which recognizes the subjective nature of reality. The qualitative researcher acknowledges and embraces the paramount importance of context. This philosophical tenet is apparent in several characteristics of qualitative research: small sample size (as little as one), unknown variables, lack of a theoretical base, and an emergent design. <i>Therefore the methodology, when explained in a proposal, is often short and lacking in details because the design may, and often does, change as data are collected and analyzed.</i> In the final dissertation, one can expect to see detailed descriptions of participants, data collection (including amount of data in page numbers or length of interviews), and analysis procedures that outline the process of transforming the raw data into themes, interpretations, and implications. One might also see a theoretical lens employed based upon the data analysis or additional research problems added to the original design. This is typical and usually expected of qualitative inquiry.</p>

**Definition of Terms**

**Possible References**

Use separate page(s) for this section.

Please turn in to the Director of Graduate Studies (a) an electronic copy of your proposal and (b) a signature page signed by all members of your faculty advisory committee, and discuss a date for your interview with the Graduate Committee. Committee meetings are on Mondays at 11:00 a.m., and the deadline for submitting any item is noon on Monday, two weeks before the meeting.

Occasionally, pressing deadlines make it impossible to discuss proposals on the scheduled date. Please check with the Director of Graduate Studies prior to your scheduled meeting to make certain that you are still on the agenda.

## **Master's Oral Examination**

When scheduling their Master's Oral Examination students should first find a time that their committee can meet (often by sending a [Doodle poll](#) to the committee members) and then schedule a room on the FFSOM Music Tech page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>). This will generate a request that will go to the DGS for approval. The signed form must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled examination.

This examination takes not less than one and not more than two hours, and may include a five-minute break after the first hour. It is not a *pro forma* examination. Master's candidates are expected to be able to demonstrate a firm understanding of music history, music theory, and pedagogy, as well as their particular area of concentration. The questioning will not be limited solely to material covered in classes the student has taken or in recitals the students has given. Questions will test the application of a student's knowledge as well as the recall of facts and theory.

In order for the student to pass the examination, at least two passing votes are needed. Voting is done by secret ballot. Students will learn if they passed or failed, but will not be told the actual vote tally. A candidate who fails the examination may be granted a second examination after a period of at least four months upon the recommendation of the committee and approval by the Director of Graduate Studies. The Director of Graduate Studies will serve as a neutral observer to oversee the second attempt. The results of the second oral examination are final and, if failed, the student will be asked to withdraw from the program.

## **Master's Thesis Approval**

All master's theses are given a final formatting check by the Director of Graduate Studies before they are submitted to the Graduate College for archiving (see <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses>).

## **Leave of Absence Policy**

Students in degree programs may be granted a Leave of Absence for a maximum of one year by the UA Graduate College. Students petition for LOAs through UA GradPath, which can be reached from UAccess Student Center (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>).

## **Grade Appeal**

A student who feels that a grade has been unfairly awarded may appeal. Before a student begins the appeal process, he/she should make every effort to resolve the problem by consulting with the course instructor. If the instructor and student do not reach a resolution within a two-week period, the student shall, within one week thereafter, readdress and submit the written appeal to the Director of Graduate Studies of the FFSOM. Instructions for the grade appeal process may be found at <http://advising.arizona.edu/content/policies-procedures/petitions-grade-appeals>.

## DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Doctoral degrees are awarded to candidates who display deep understanding of the subject matter of their disciplines as well as the ability to make original contributions to knowledge in their fields. The University of Arizona FFSOM offers the Doctor of Musical Arts degree with concentrations in the fields of Composition, Conducting, and Performance, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree with concentrations in Music Education, Music Theory, and Musicology. The FFSOM does not permit double use of courses in a major and a minor or in a second minor.

This Handbook is meant to be used in conjunction with the information on graduate study provided by the UA Graduate College at <https://grad.arizona.edu>. Students must follow the degree requirements as outlined in the FFSOM Graduate Handbook current during their semester of admission. Degree students whose registration has been inactive for two or more consecutive semesters who return to graduate study must follow the FFSOM Graduate Handbook degree requirements in effect during the semester of their readmission rather than the Handbook in effect at the time of their earlier admission.

### Core Academic Courses for DMA Degrees

Composition, Conducting, and students in Voice, Piano/Keyboard, and Instrumental Performance must select fifteen units of course work from the following three categories of core courses:

- Category A--Music Education (min. 3 units): 550, 551, 650, 654, 672, 696a
- Category B--Music Theory (min. 3 units): 520a, 520b, 521a, 521b, 521c, 534, 541 OR 542, 622, 623, 624a, 624b, 625a, 625b, 696c
- Category C--Historical Musicology and Ethnomusicology (min. 3 units): 530, 531, 532, 533, 535, 536, 568, 595b, 596b, 696b, 696f

### Ensemble Policy for DMA Degrees

Doctoral degrees may require large conducted ensemble participation as delineated in each degree grid. Applied music registration (MUSI) requires concurrent enrollment in the appropriate large conducted ensemble (MUS 500). The appropriate large conducted ensemble varies by degree plan. The required large conducted ensemble must be chosen from the following list, designed to support applied and academic study in each degree plan:

- Bowed Strings: MUS 500, based on placement audition, with bowed string faculty and large conducted ensemble faculty approval
- Voice: MUS 500L Arizona Choir
- Wind/Percussion: MUS 500D, E, O, or R
- Piano/Keyboard, Harp, Guitar: MUS 500 or 501 or 502

An audition process designed and administered by the ensemble directors in consultation with the applied faculty and approved by the Director of the FFSOM will determine participation in the appropriate large conducted ensemble. Students whose degree grids specify a large conducted ensemble requirement of two or more credits must participate in a large conducted ensemble in a two-semester sequence.



## Doctor of Musical Arts Course and Program Requirements

<b>Composition</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUS 640	Composition Lessons	12
MUS 696D	Composition Seminar	8
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Study*	3
MUS	Core Courses	15
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 920	Dissertation**	18
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>98</b>
Composition majors are required to present a recital of their compositions.		
*Students who already have taken MUS 600 or its equivalent as a part of their master's degree must substitute 3 units of MUS core courses.		
**The primary document comprising a Composition Dissertation is an extended work of approximately 15-30 minutes in duration.		

<b>Conducting</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUSI 785	Conducting*	16-21
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies**	3
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	4
MUS	Core Courses	15
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 925	Doctoral Recitals	20
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100 - 105</b>
The recital requirement is fulfilled by conducting performances of major university ensembles. The number of conducting performances is determined by the major professor. The final recital is a lecture recital with accompanying document.		
*All Instrumental Conducting Majors with a Wind Band emphasis must take MUS 525, History and Repertoire of the Wind Band (3 units). Choral Conducting majors must take MUS 635 for 9 units, MUSI 785 for 8 units and MUS 500L for 4 units; once the Graduate Committee has approved the lecture- recital proposal, students may elect to take additional semesters of MUSI 785 in preparation for presentation of the lecture recital and document.		
**Students who already have taken MUS 600 or its equivalent as a part of their master's degree must substitute 3 units of MUS core courses.		

**Performance:** Registration for lessons in Voice and Piano is at the 685 level until the Qualifying Examination and Qualifying Recital have been successfully completed. Registration for lessons in other instruments is at the 785 level. Performance majors present four public recitals as part of the document: a qualifying recital, an ensemble recital, a solo recital, and a lecture recital with document. No more than one recital may be performed per semester without Graduate Committee permission. The solo recital and the lecture recital are interchangeable. Pedagogy requirements vary. Consult your major professor for requirements for your instrument/voice.

<b>Voice</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUSI 685/785	Applied Lessons	16
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	4
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies*	3
MUS	Core Courses	15
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 925 Recitals		20
	Total:	100
The placement exam should be administered in the first semester of study. The voice area graduate language requirement must be completed before scheduling a master's or doctoral oral examination. This requirement can be satisfied by coursework successfully completed at the undergraduate level.		

<b>Instrumental</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUSI 785	Applied Lessons	16
MUS 500 (or 501 or 502, guitar & harp only)	Large Conducted Ensemble (or Coached Ensemble or Small Conducted Ensemble, guitar & harp only)	4
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies*	3
MUS	Core Courses	15
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 925 Recitals		20
	Total:	100
*Students who already have taken MUS 600 or its equivalent as a part of their master's degree must substitute 3 units of MUS core courses.		

<b>Piano</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUSI 785	Applied Lessons	16
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies*	3
MUS 500, 501 or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Coached Ensemble, or Small Conducted Ensemble	4
Core Courses		15
Minor		12
MUS 925 Recitals		20
	Total:	100
<p>A reading knowledge of French or German is required for keyboard majors. Competency will be measured by a written examination to be completed prior to scheduling Written Comprehensive Examinations.</p> <p>Piano majors may elect an ensemble emphasis in which the series of recitals is as follows: qualifying recital (4 units), ensemble/vocal recital (5 units), ensemble/instrumental recital (5 units), and the lecture recital (6 units).</p> <p>*Students who already have taken MUS 600 or its equivalent as a part of their master's degree must substitute 3 units of MUS core courses.</p>		

<b>Organ/Harpsichord</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUSI 785	Applied Lessons	16
MUS 500, 501, or 502	Large Conducted Ensemble, Small Coached Ensemble, Small Conducted Ensemble	4
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies*	3
MUS	Core courses	15
Minor		12
MUS 925 Recitals		20
	Total:	100
<p>A reading knowledge of French or German is required for keyboard majors. Competency will be measured by a written examination to be completed prior to scheduling Written Comprehensive Examinations.</p> <p>Organ/Harpsichord majors may elect an ensemble emphasis in which the series of recitals is as follows: qualifying recital (4 units), ensemble/vocal recital (5 units), ensemble/instrumental recital (5 units), and the lecture recital (6 units).</p> <p>*Students who already have taken MUS 600 or its equivalent as a part of their master's degree must substitute 3 units of MUS core courses.</p>		

## Doctor of Philosophy Course and Program Requirements

<b>Music Education</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUS	Major Field*	36
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 920	Dissertation	18
	Total:	96
<p>* Major Field: Nine credits selected from research (MUS 551, MUS 603, MUS 604, or MUS 655); 21 credits selected from Music Education (including MUS 550, 551, 603, 604, 650, 654, 655, 672, and 696a), with a minimum of three credits in MUS 696a and allowing for MUS 550 and MUS 696a to be repeated when topics/instructors differ; and six credits selected from graduate courses in ethnomusicology, musicology, theory, composition, literature, pedagogy, applied lessons, and ensembles.</p> <p>Prerequisite: Students are expected to hold a current teaching certificate and to have completed a minimum of three years teaching music full-time in a school. In addition, a Master's degree in Music Education is required. Requests for exceptions to these prerequisites may be submitted to the Coordinator of Music Education for consideration.</p>		

<b>Music Theory</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUS 600	Introduction to Graduate Studies**	3
MUS	Major Field*	30
MUS	Graduate Music History	3
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 920	Dissertation	18
	Total:	96
<p>A reading knowledge of German and one other foreign language is usually required. The second language should be chosen with the student's planned area of research in mind. In rare cases, a student's dissertation committee may petition the Graduate Committee to require either fewer or more languages. Proficiency in one language must be demonstrated before the third semester of enrollment, and in the other before the fifth semester of enrollment.</p> <p>*All PhD students must complete 520A or B, 620A or B, 623, 624A and B, 625A and B, and two semesters of 696C.</p> <p>**Students who already have taken MUS 600 or its equivalent as a part of their master's degree must substitute 3 units of MUS electives.</p>		

<b>Musicology</b>		<b>Units</b>
Master's Degree		30
MUS 696B or 699	Musicology Introduction and Methods	3
MUS 695F	Ethnomusicology Introduction and Methods	3
MUS	Musicology	6
MUS	Music Theory	6
MUS 693	Internship*	6
MUS	Major Field**	12
MUS	Minor	12
MUS 920	Dissertation	18
	Total:	96

Reading knowledge of three languages is required: German (required); French, Italian, or Latin; a third language relevant to the course of study (may also be French, Italian, or Latin, if not chosen for the second language). Proficiency in one language must be demonstrated before the third semester of enrollment, and in the others before the fifth semester of enrollment.

\*Musicology students may substitute courses in Music Education, Musicology, or Ethnomusicology in place of the Internship courses with the approval of the student’s advisor, the Area Coordinator, and the Director of Graduate Studies.

\*\*Major field: at least two seminars in the area of early music (medieval, renaissance, baroque), and at least two seminars in the area of later music (classical, romantic, and twentieth century). Musicology students may substitute a graduate class outside of music studies that is relevant to their dissertation topic in place of a major field course with the approval of the student’s advisor, the Area Coordinator, and the Director of Graduate Studies.

### **The Journey to the Doctoral Degree**

Students are responsible for knowing and completing the course requirements for their particular program. Entering students are urged to keep a copy of the FFSOM Graduate Handbook from their matriculation year to serve as a personal checklist of requirements. Academic and other institutional policies are subject to periodic review and revision. Such revisions become effective at the time of their announced implementation, unless otherwise indicated. Students are expected, therefore, to acquaint themselves with current academic regulations found in the most recent edition of the FFSOM Graduate Handbook and the UA Graduate Catalog.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

Students are expected to enroll in at least one core class per semester until all core courses are completed. A 3.0 semester and cumulative GPA must be maintained. If the GPA falls below 3.0 in any semester, the consequence may be loss of financial aid and/or dismissal. Appeals may be made directly to the Director of Graduate Studies.

### **Doctor of Musical Arts suggested timeline (assuming acceptable MM)**

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>
Semester 1	Take diagnostic examinations in music theory, music history, and diction (voice). Courses identified as deficiencies must be taken the first time offered following the examinations.
	Complete written qualifying examination in the major and minor fields, if possible (courses identified as deficiencies or required must be taken the first time offered following the examinations).
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course
	Prepare Doctoral Plan of Study Cover Sheet and FFSOM Committee Member Form with the Director of Graduate Studies. Schedule and/or perform qualifying recital.
Semester 2	Take qualifying exams and perform qualifying recital if not completed in semester one.
	Complete and submit Doctoral Plan of Study on UA GradPath.
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course.
Semester 3	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course
	Schedule and perform ensemble recital.
Semester 4	Schedule and perform ensemble recital if not completed in semester 3
	Complete foreign language requirement.
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course.

Semester 5	Complete written and oral comprehensive examinations.
	Perform solo recital, if possible.
	Submit lecture-recital document proposal to the FFSOM Graduate Committee.
	Submit Graduate College Committee Appointment form on UA GradPath.
Semesters 6-7	Perform solo recital, if not completed in semester 5.
	Present lecture recital.
	Submit penultimate copy of lecture-recital document to committee members, then schedule and take the Final Oral Examination
	Submit document and all remaining degree certification materials to the DGS and once approved, online to the Graduate College.

#### Ph.D. suggested timeline (assuming acceptable MM)

When	What
Semester 1	Take diagnostic examinations in music theory, music history, and diction (voice). Courses identified as deficiencies must be taken the first time offered following the examinations.
	Complete written qualifying examination in the major and minor fields, if possible (courses identified as deficiencies or required must be taken the first time offered following the examinations).
	Prepare Doctoral Plan of Study Cover Sheet and SOM Committee Member Form with the Director of Graduate Studies.
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course
Semester 2	Complete and submit Doctoral Plan of Study on UA GradPath.
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course.
	Take qualifying exams if not completed in semester 1.
Semester 3	Complete at least graduate nine credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course
Semester 4	Prepare a dissertation proposal.
	Complete foreign language requirement if applicable.
	Complete at least nine graduate credits (six if GTA), including at least one core course.
Semester 5	Complete written and oral comprehensive examinations and a portfolio for Music Education.
	Submit dissertation proposal to the SOM Graduate Committee.
	Submit Graduate College Committee Appointment Form to the DGS.
Semesters 6-8	Submit penultimate copy of dissertation to committee members and take the Final Oral Examination
	Submit dissertation and all remaining degree certification materials to the DGS and once approved, online to the Graduate College.

#### Diagnostic and Qualifying Examinations

All entering graduate students are required to take diagnostic examinations in music history and music theory, and students will not be permitted to register for core musicology or theory courses until the exams have been taken. Voice students also take a diagnostic exam in diction. These examinations are administered prior to the beginning of classes in the fall and spring semesters. The music history diagnostic exam also is offered online prior to summer session classes. Students who show deficiencies on these exams may be required to take

designated course work, which must be completed prior to enrollment in graduate musicology and theory courses. Partial courses may not fulfill deficiencies. Undergraduate courses required as a result of the diagnostic examinations must be completed with a grade of “B” or higher. All graduate-level courses in music history and music theory required by the diagnostic exams and completed with a grade of “C” or higher may be used to fulfill master's degree requirements.

Graduate diagnostic examinations in music history and music theory may be taken only once. Students who proceed directly from master's degrees into doctoral degrees at The University of Arizona are exempt from additional diagnostic examinations.

In addition to the diagnostic examinations, all doctoral students take qualifying examinations in the major and minor fields of study, unless the major or minor exam is waived by the faculty responsible for setting the exam. The qualifying examinations test a student's overall readiness to enter into doctoral work, and are not purely diagnostic. If faculty evaluate an examination as failing, students may be required to retake the exam during the next exam cycle. Qualifying exams may be taken a maximum of two times. Normally students take both major and minor examinations during the fifth week of the first semester in residence, although they may be taken as late as the second semester. Students may elect to take the major exam in the first semester and the minor exam in the second semester. DMA and Ph.D. qualifying exams are administered in October and February of each year. Faculty may use these results to guide the student's direction of study in the major and minor fields by requiring or recommending additional coursework beyond that specified by a student's degree grid.

The qualifying examination in the major field of study may be waived only when a candidate has completed a master's degree in the same field at The University of Arizona, and only upon the recommendation of the major area. The qualifying examination in the minor field may be waived at the option of the minor area.

### **Academic Advising**

The Director of Graduate Studies is the primary academic advisor for all graduate students. Students should consult with the DGS each semester to ensure that they are maintaining good academic progress. Students also should communicate regularly with their major professors about their area of concentration and advisory committee issues.

### **The FFSOM Graduate Committee**

The FFSOM Graduate Committee, which includes representatives from the various fields of emphasis in the FFSOM, is responsible for the formation and implementation of graduate curricular policies. During its weekly meetings the committee reviews proposals for theses, documents, and dissertations, and also conducts an ongoing review of policies and procedures affecting graduate study in the FFSOM. Students should feel free to contact either the DGS or the committee member from their area with petitions for the committee and questions about graduate study or policies.

### **Your Advisory Committee**

Advisory committees (which include your major professor and two other professors from your area of study) evaluate recitals, supervise the preparation of theses and projects, and administer the Doctoral Oral Examination. Advisory committee membership normally is limited to tenure-eligible faculty members. A listing of faculty by area is available online at <https://music.arizona.edu/people/directory/>. Non-tenure eligible faculty may be granted Regular or Special Member status to serve on graduate committees by permission of the UA Graduate College, upon approval of a petition submitted by the Director of Graduate Studies of the FFSOM (see <https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/graduate-student-committee-service>). Tenure-eligible faculty who leave the university and Emeritus faculty may continue to serve on advisory committees for at least one year after they leave the university. Committees are established following discussion between the student, the major professor, and the Director of Graduate Studies. A FFSOM Committee Member form must be submitted

to the Director of Graduate Studies no later than the end of the second semester of doctoral work. The FFSOM Graduate Committee resolves disagreements regarding committee membership.

Professors who have agreed to attend a recital or oral examination may occasionally have a conflict. In such instances the student must notify the Director of Graduate Studies immediately. The DGS will ask another faculty member in the student's area or a member of the FFSOM Graduate Committee to attend the recital.

Most faculty contracts are for the nine months of the academic year (mid-August to mid-May) and do not include the months of June and July. Please be aware of this when asking faculty to attend recitals, oral examinations, or to assist in other ways in their role as members of your advisory committee.

### **Doctoral Minor: A Secondary Concentration**

To allow for greater flexibility and to develop a second area of concentration, each doctoral student selects at least one minor area of study. The minor must be approved by the minor advisor designated on the student study plan.

Minor areas of concentration in music may be chosen from complementary disciplines (e.g., Composition, Conducting, Music Education, etc.). Minors outside the FFSOM may be chosen with the approval of the Graduate Committee and the approval of the faculty in the chosen discipline. Conducting majors (choral, orchestral, wind) may elect conducting in a complementary area as a minor (e.g., choral major with an orchestral minor) upon permission of the conducting faculty after an audition in the complementary area. Otherwise, the minor may not be in the same music emphasis area as that selected for the major. For example, violin performance students may not minor in piano performance.

Discuss your proposed minor with the Director of Graduate Studies before contacting the area in which you hope to minor.

#### **1. Minor in Music Theory**

Course requirements for the minor in theory will be established on the basis of the candidate's diagnostic entrance examination and the qualifying examination in theory. Any student who has not had a counterpoint class in previous training must take either MUS 520A or B as part of the minor. Further, at least two of the four courses taken towards the minor must be 600-level courses. Specific plans of study will be decided upon in consultation with the coordinator for theory, Dr. Boyd Pomeroy.

#### **2. Minor in Choral Conducting**

MUS 635	Choral Literature and Techniques	6
MUS 905	Recitals	2
MUSI 585	(concurrent with MUS 502)	4
MUS 500	Large Conducted Ensemble	2

#### **3. Minor in Instrumental Conducting**

Students must already have the following in order to qualify for this minor:

- a) Two semesters of undergraduate conducting courses;
- b) Conducting experience in front of an ensemble as part of a course, in rehearsal, or in performance;
- c) An interview with members of the instrumental conducting faculty, to include:
  - 1) sight-conducting of selected excerpts, demonstrating a variety of musical styles
  - 2) singing of the score while conducting
  - 3) demonstrating patterns at specific tempi and styles
- d) A written qualifying exam, including transposition, terminology, score analysis and repertory.



#### 4. Minor in Orchestral Conducting

MUSI 585	3 semesters	12
MUS 596B/696B	Symphonic Literature	3

#### 5. Minor in Music Education

Coursework for the doctoral minor in music education is chosen in consultation with the Music Education Coordinator. The minor requires 12 units drawn from graduate music education offerings (MUS 550, MUS 551, MUS 603, MUS 604, MUS 650, MUS 654, MUS 655, MUS 672, or MUS 696a). Typically, students will complete MUS 650, MUS 672, and MUS 696a for a total of nine units, with an additional course/three units selected from one of the following: MUS 510a, MUS 510b, MUS 550, MUS 551, MUS 603, MUS 604, MUS 654, MUS 655, MUS 693, MUS 694, MUS 696a, or MUS 699.

#### 6. Minor in Composition

MUS 533	Music of the Twentieth Century	3
MUS 521c	Analysis of contemporary music	3
MUS 640	Advanced Composition*	6
MUS 534	Music Since 1950	3

\* Required attendance at weekly masterclass.

#### 7. Minor in Strings

MUSI 580	3 semesters (2 credits) of lessons	6
MUS 500	3 semesters of orchestra	3
MUS 501	2 semesters of chamber music	2
MUS 510A	Pedagogy	2
MUS 905	Recital	1

#### 8. Minor in Historical Musicology

Course requirements in the minor area will be established on the basis of the candidate's diagnostic entrance examination and the qualifying examination in the minor area, in consultation with the Coordinator for Musicology. The minor in historical musicology requires 12 units drawn from the graduate musicology course offerings (530, 531, 532, 533, 535, 536, 596b, 620a, 620b, 696b, and no more than three units of MUS 599 or MUS 699), and one unit of either 500Q, *Collegium Musicum* or 501, *Arizona Baroque*. Musicology minors are encouraged to substitute "Musicology Introduction and Methods" (MUS 696B or 699) in place of MUS 600 (required for the Doctoral Minor). Musicology minors are encouraged to substitute "Musicology Introduction and Methods" (MUS 696B or 699) in place of MUS 600 (required for the Doctoral Major).

## 9. Minors in Voice

Students considering a doctoral minor in voice must be auditioned by the voice faculty. Both emphases must also pass the diction placement exam or take MUS 511 A and/or B.

<b>Opera Theatre Emphasis</b>		
	MUSI 580/585 Studio Instruction in Voice*	4
	MUS 605L Opera Theatre (section 1 or 2)	2
	MUS 523A/B History of Opera	6
	MUS 694 Opera Directing Practicum	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Vocal Pedagogy Emphasis</b>		
	MUSI 580/585 Studio Instruction in Voice*	4
	MUS 510 Pedagogy	2
	MUS 522A/B Art Song Repertory	4
	MUS 693 Guided Pedagogy Internship	1
	MUS 905 Recital **	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

\*All students taking MUSI units must also be enrolled in the appropriate graduate ensemble (see p. 24 of this Handbook for a list of ensembles by area).

\*\* The DMA minor recital must include a minimum of 30 minutes of memorized music from a variety of style periods and languages. Program notes are required and the recital must pass a recital hearing a minimum of 2 weeks before the scheduled event.

## 10. Minor in Wind and Percussion Performance

MUSI 585 (or higher) Individual lessons	8
MUS 500 Large Conducted Ensemble	2
MUS 510A Pedagogy	2
MUS 905 Solo recital: part of the last semester's private study	1
Elective to be chosen from the following list:	1
MUS 501 Chamber Music	
MUS 502 Small Conducted Ensemble	
MUS 599/699 Independent Study	

## 11. Minor in Music in General Education

The Music in General Education minor prepares graduates to teach music to the general university student. Coursework emphasizes practical skill development as well as an informed philosophy regarding the ever-evolving role of music courses in the general liberal arts and science curriculum.

This specialization requires developing a broad understanding of music in all styles and a battery of teaching strategies, including exposure to recent technological support, as well as developing a comfortable demeanor (addressing students in and out of the classroom).

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 units, one course from each of the following categories:

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| (a) Higher Education: (Recommended courses include: MUS 672, Teaching Music in Higher Education; IA 697A, Learner Centered Teaching; IA 697B, Technology in Teaching; and IA 697C, Workshop on Teaching at the College Level. | 3 |
| (b) Any graduate level course in Music Education, Music Literature or Musicology, or Music Theory   | 3 |
| (c) Ethnomusicology (MUS 696F)  | 3 |
| (d) Internship (MUS 693)  | 3 |

### **12. Minor in Piano Performance**

MUS 510A and 510B Pedagogy	4
MUS 526A and 526 B Piano Literature	6
MUSI 585 Individual Lessons	4
MUS 699 Independent Study	1

### **13. Minor in Ethnomusicology**

MUS 696F Seminar in Ethnomusicology	3
ANTH Cultural Anthropology	3
MUS 699 Independent Study	3
Elective Campus-wide choice appropriate to area of research*	3
MUS Non-western music performance lessons or ensemble (highly recommended)	2

\* make selections in consultation with the musicology/ethnomusicology advisor.

### **14. Minor in Organ Performance**

MUS 510A Organ Pedagogy	2
MUS 520A 16th-Century Counterpoint	3
MUS 905 Recital (minor area)	1
MUSI 585 Organ Lessons	8

### **15. Individualized Minor**

To pursue a doctoral minor other than those listed above, students must first obtain Graduate Committee approval of the minor. To obtain approval students submit a proposal to the Director of Graduate Studies that includes the following items: (1) document title, e.g., Proposed Individualized Doctoral Minor in \_\_\_\_\_; (2) your name, degree, and contact information; (3) a short verbal description (not more than a paragraph) that explains why you want to pursue this minor and how it fits into your overall academic plan; (4) a listing of the coursework that will be in the minor (all FFSOM doctoral minors have from 12 to 15 units of coursework); and (5) the signatures of the two minor area faculty members who will be advising and supervising your minor.

It is expected that Individualized Minors normally will not require more than 3 units of MUS 699. Proposals listing more than three units of MUS 699 will not be considered for approval by the Graduate Committee unless they have preliminary approval from the minor faculty advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies. Past individualized minors have included dance, theatre arts, and computer science, among others.

## **Doctoral Study Plan**

A formal Doctoral Plan of Study (POS) must be submitted upon successful completion of the qualifying examinations in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, the major professor, and the advisor for the minor field of study. All coursework and other requirements leading to completion of the degree are included. This document should be completed no later than the second semester of graduate study. Students will not be allowed to register for lessons in their second year unless the POS has been completed. Students fill out a paper Cover Sheet for the POS with the assistance of the Director of Graduate Studies immediately following their entrance diagnostic exams, and complete the remainder of the POS on the online [GradPath](https://uaccess.arizona.edu) form given on UAccess Student (<https://uaccess.arizona.edu>).

## **Doctoral Recitals: Repertory and Scheduling**

Doctoral candidates in conducting and performance present a series of recitals (including a lecture recital and accompanying document) in lieu of the dissertation required of Ph.D. candidates. Although it is expected that most of the repertory on the Doctoral Qualifying Recital will be newly-learned, some repetition of pieces from prior study is permissible on this recital at the discretion of the major professor. Previously performed music may only be used for the Doctoral Qualifying Recital. For the other three doctoral degree recitals, music may not be selected from repertoire used to satisfy previous degree recitals.

Candidates in conducting present a series of partial recitals as follows:

### **Choral Conducting**

- Unaccompanied motet--any style period (Latin or German)
- Secular madrigal and/or chanson (Italian and/or French)
- Mass movement
- World Music selection (not in English)
- Selection with instrumental complement

### **Orchestral Conducting**

- Two symphonies by different composers
- A concert piece for orchestra
- An overture, concert-opener or suitable substitution
- Three concerto movements, song/arias, or operatic selections

### **Wind Conducting**

- Traditional concert band march
- Traditional British military band work
- Chamber work for winds
- Wind accompaniment with soloist
- Major contemporary wind ensemble work

Candidates in performance present a series of four recitals--the Qualifying, Ensemble, Solo, and Lecture Recitals. The order of recitals after the qualifying recital is interchangeable. The Final Oral Examination cannot be scheduled until all four recitals have been completed. Each recital should be from 50-90 minutes in length. Doctoral voice students who receive approval per unanimous decision by the voice and opera faculty may substitute a major operatic role or two secondary opera roles in lieu of one of the solo degree recitals.

There are three forms that must be submitted in order to schedule a recital, all of which can be accessed from the Recital Information Page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/recitals/>) or the Music Tech page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>) on the FFSOM website. The Scheduling Form, the Technical Request Form,

and the Program Form all are due not less than thirty days prior to your recital. Failure to submit these forms at least thirty days prior to your recital may result in the cancellation of your recital.

#### Recital Forms:

1. The Recital Scheduling Form reserves a date on the master calendar, and should be completed at least several months in advance of your intended recital date.
2. The Recital Technical Request Form notifies the facilities coordinator of special needs (e.g., pianos, chairs, stands) and arranges for recording the recital.
3. The Recital Program Form lists the program and assisting performers, and is used to obtain the consent of faculty for the performance of the recital. This form is located on the CFA Console.

Before submitting a Recital Program Form you should have already discussed your recital pieces with your Major Professor. When you are ready to submit the form visit the CFA Console (<https://console.cfa.arizona.edu/index.php>) and follow the Recital Program Form link. We strongly recommend that you complete the Recital Program Form at least 45 days prior to your recital in order to ensure that your form has all requisite electronic signatures and approvals.

Enter the details of your recital (date, location, etc.). When complete, you will be prompted to enter your performance pieces. Enter them one at a time in the order you intend to perform them. Be prepared with the name of the piece, composer's name, composer's dates, and an estimated length of the piece.

The form will determine if your recital length satisfies time requirements, and you will be prompted to submit your form. Since the system requires a 50-minute minimum for recitals, conducting students who are submitting programs for conducting rotations fill out the remainder of the 50 minutes by writing a final entry of n/a for title, composer, and date, along with the necessary number of minutes to bring their program to at least 50 minutes. Submitting the form sends e-mail to all faculty members who must approve your program. Online forms cannot be edited after submission, so any form requiring changes will have to be redone and resubmitted.

Please remember: all necessary faculty approvals must be complete 30 days prior to your recital date. The online system will send e-mail requests when you submit your form, but it remains your responsibility to follow up with any faculty who need to approve your form.

When your Recital Program Form has been approved by all necessary faculty members it will be automatically submitted to the FFSOM for processing.

You can monitor the status of your Recital Program Form by visiting the CFA Console at any time. <https://console.cfa.arizona.edu/>. You also will receive status update e-mails throughout the process.

If a recital is to be given off campus, it is the student's responsibility to make all necessary arrangements with the venue. Regardless of the location of the recital (on or off campus), the date must be reserved through the Recital Scheduling Form at least 30 days prior to the recital.

Students should be registered for lessons during the semester that a recital is given. Students are encouraged to write program notes.

Additional details concerning recital procedures and policies may be found on the FFSOM Music Tech page (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>).

Recitals are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. As with graduate oral examinations, two negative votes constitute failure. In such cases the Director of Graduate Studies will consult with the student's recital evaluators and area faculty to determine if (1) a student will be permitted to repeat the degree recital and (2) they will be able to continue in the program. If a student is asked to repeat a degree recital they may vary the repertory at the

recommendation of their Major Professor, but they must perform a full recital. The amount of time that must elapse before the second attempt is at the discretion of the Major Professor and the student's recital committee, but may not be less than thirty days in order to meet scheduling deadlines. The Director of Graduate Studies will attend second-attempt degree recitals. Students that fail a degree recital two times will be asked to leave the program.

### **The Doctoral Qualifying Recital**

As the first of the four degree recitals comprising the “dissertation” for the DMA degree (MUS 925), the Qualifying Recital may not be waived.

### **The Doctoral Ensemble Recital**

The Ensemble Recital gives doctoral students the opportunity to demonstrate excellence in the area of chamber music. It is expected that the recital performance will be executed at the highest professional level. This recital normally employs several instrumental and/or vocal combinations. Recitals that employ fewer than three performance areas other than the student's must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies (areas include plucked strings, bowed strings, keyboards, woodwinds, brass, voice, percussion, and electronic instruments). There are two general exceptions to these guidelines. Doctoral Ensemble Recitals in the Bowed Strings area and Harp must incorporate at least three different performance areas, one of which may include ensemble groupings of at least three string instruments. Doctoral Ensemble Recitals in the Keyboard Area and Guitar must employ a minimum of two outside areas. The purpose of this recital is to give students the opportunity to investigate chamber literature for their instruments and to develop collaborative, planning, and networking skills when working with other students. Given this purpose, it is expected that normally conductors will not be used, and music for the ensemble recital should be chosen with this in mind. Any exceptions to this policy need to be considered on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. Faculty members may participate in student degree recitals only when there are extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Director of Graduate Studies. Only one student may receive credit for the recital, but individual pieces may be reused on up to two additional student recitals. Students must identify any pieces that are being re-performed on the Recital Program Proposal Form, and note when the earlier performance(s) took place. Students wishing to receive ensemble recital credit for the performance of a piece that already has been used in three other recitals must petition the Director of Graduate Studies.

### **The Doctoral Lecture Recital**

The lecture recital must consist of a minimum of 40 minutes of lecture and a minimum of 20 minutes of performance. This recital, required of all students in the conducting and performance emphases, relates scholarship to performance. Candidates demonstrate the ability to select and organize pertinent data and to communicate effectively about music through the written and spoken word. Candidates prepare a formal written document and a *viva voce* lecture that addresses the selections conducted or performed, and conduct or perform selections that illuminate the formal document as given in the *viva voce* portion. Committee members must receive the lecture portion of the presentation a minimum of 30 days before the recital. Music performed in another degree recital is not permitted. Lecture recitals normally should not extend beyond 90 minutes. Conducting students who will be using university ensembles for their lecture recitals must have their lecture-recital proposals approved not later than the first Graduate Committee meeting of the semester in which the lecture recital will be presented.

## **The Doctoral Solo Recital**

The solo recital represents the summation of doctoral study for students in performance. The student must demonstrate a broad mastery of the techniques for his/her particular instrument and a comprehensive understanding of periods and styles. This performance must be executed at the highest level of an artist-scholar.

## **The Doctoral Comprehensive Written Examination (except Music Education)**

Before admission to candidacy, doctoral students must pass examinations in the chosen fields of study. These examinations are intended to test the student's comprehensive knowledge of the major and minor areas. This is the occasion when committee members have both the opportunity and obligation to require the student to display a broad knowledge of the chosen field of study (i.e. music) and sufficient depth of understanding in the areas of specialization (major area and minor area). The exam is comprehensive and integrative in relation to the field and specialization.

The written comprehensive examination is held when essentially all course work is completed, and no later than three months prior to the date of the final oral examination. The written comprehensive examinations are administered in October and February of each year. Piano, strings, music theory and voice majors must have satisfied their foreign language requirements before scheduling these examinations.

The Written Comprehensive Examinations are not "take home". The five members of the student's Advisory Committee must each prepare a two-hour written examination that will be given on campus (a six-hour test in the major area and a four-hour test in the minor area). Two negative votes constitute a failure of the written comprehensive examinations. At the discretion of the committee and with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies the student may re-take the written test one time.

After successful completion of the written examinations, an oral examination shall be conducted before a committee of the faculty approved by the Director of Graduate Studies and the Dean of the Graduate College.

## **Comprehensive Written Examination for Ph.D. Students in Music Education**

The written comprehensive examinations are administered in October and February of each year. Along with the guidelines and requirements for "Doctoral Comprehensive Written Examination," the portfolio is due at this time as well.

- A) The student will take a written exam consisting of approximately 3 to 4 broad based questions chosen from a list of 10 to 12 questions that the student has seen 24 hours in advance. The answers for these questions will be written during the specified examination time. It is not a "take home" exam.
- B) The student will present each member of the major committee with a Portfolio consisting of the following:
  - 1) A Dissertation Proposal 15-20 pages in length which may or may not be the actual study which will be used. This will consist of an abbreviated version of the opening three chapters of a standard dissertation.
  - 2) A review of a dissertation (supplied by committee) as might be found in CRME.
  - 3) A syllabus for a course to be determined by the dissertation committee. This is to include all basic sections of a syllabus. It should also include an annotated bibliography of textbooks that were considered for use, stating the strengths and weaknesses of each.

4) One of the following:

A 6 to 10-page manuscript suitable for submission to a professional journal such as *Music Educators Journal*, *The Choral Journal*, or *The Instrumentalist*.

A 20-page manuscript suitable for submission to a research journal such as *The Journal of Research in Music Education*, *The Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education*, or the *Quarterly*.

Note: If the work is published, submit the published version.

Consistent with Graduate College policy, the entire written examination is either passed or failed. A student must pass all the portions in order to proceed to the oral exam. Failure of any one of the portions constitutes failure of the entire exam.

### **Doctoral Comprehensive Oral Examination**

The form to schedule the oral comprehensive examination may be found on UA GradPath. Any request to schedule a doctoral comprehensive oral examination must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies no less than 30 days before the date of the examination.

The Oral Comprehensive Examination will last at least one hour but not more than three. In this examination the faculty have both the opportunity and the obligation to require a student to display a broad knowledge of the chosen field of study (music), and sufficient depth of understanding in areas of specialization (major and minor fields). As a test of a successful performance, the student should demonstrate a professional level of knowledge expected of a junior faculty member. For Music Education students, the portfolio items submitted to the committee may act as a springboard for this exam, but the nature of the examination is comprehensive and is not restricted to the portfolio.

Each member of the examination committee is expected to evaluate the student's performance on the basis of the examination as a whole, not just on his/her own field of specialization. Voting is conducted by secret ballot. Because there is only one official vote, full discussion of the candidate's performance is important prior to casting ballots.

All committee members must vote either to pass or to fail (includes abstentions). All votes are equivalent; there is no distinction between major and minor fields. An abstention, whether or not it is recorded on a ballot, is counted as a vote for failure. Two adverse votes are required for failure no matter how large the committee.

The major professor tallies the ballots and informs the committee and the candidate of the vote, but not of the exact tally. Examiners who disagree with the committee's decision may note objections on the ballots. In the event of failure, the major professor submits a written request for a second examination.

A candidate who fails the examination may, upon the recommendation of the committee and together with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies and the Dean of the Graduate College, be granted a second examination after a lapse of at least four months. The original committee members must conduct the second examination. The results of the second oral examination are final. If a student fails the second exam he/she will be asked to withdraw from the program.

### **Graduate College Committee Appointment Form**

The student must (1) have an approved FFSOM Committee Appointment Form and DMA Study Plan Cover Sheet; (2) have completed all coursework and all departmental, language and residency requirements; and (3)



have passed the written and oral portions of the Comprehensive Examinations before submitting the Graduate College Committee Appointment form in GradPath.

Please allow time for all items to be approved by the DGS so that they can be forwarded in a timely manner to meet the published deadlines of the Graduate College. Failure to submit the application by the deadline may postpone your completion.

### **Formal Proposals for Dissertations or Doctoral Documents**

Doctoral degree candidates in Ph.D. programs (Music Education and Music Theory) write a Dissertation. Doctoral degree candidates in Conducting and Performance write a Lecture-Recital Document, and candidates in Composition compose an original work. This research must be in compliance with UA policies on Human Subjects research. Please visit the Research Compliance website (<https://rgw.arizona.edu/compliance/home>) or contact the Director of Graduate Studies to determine if your research involves work with human subjects, and if so, complete all relevant training and required forms for IRB approval.

The Graduate College rules and regulations governing the writing and submission of theses may be found in online manuals at <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses/dissertation-and-thesis-formatting-guides>.

For the formatting of dissertations and documents the FFSOM requires the use of the APA style manual for Music Education and Turabian (most recent edition) for all other documents. Endnotes are not acceptable. The writing of the dissertation or document is done under the supervision of the major professor with input from other members of the student's committee.

Graduate students who write a dissertation or lecture-recital document must submit a formal proposal to the FFSOM Graduate Committee. Proposals must be approved no less than three months prior to the lecture recital. Proposals typically average from 20-30 pages in length and should include musical examples if appropriate.

After the major professor and the student's advisory committee have signed the proposal signature sheet indicating that it is ready for review, the student turns in the signature sheet to the Director of Graduate Studies and electronically submits the proposal to the DGS as a PDF or a MSWord document. After review by the DGS to ensure that basic proposal guidelines have been met the proposal is forwarded to the Graduate Committee for its initial review. The Graduate Committee will either invite the student to appear before the committee to present the proposal in person, approve it without student appearance before the committee, or request revisions. If the proposal is not approved after three reviews by the Graduate Committee the candidate will have to develop and present an entirely new proposal and topic. If the Graduate Committee requires revisions, all revisions and recommendations requested by the committee must be incorporated into the newest revision before it is resubmitted, and the student's Faculty Advisory Committee also must review, sign and date the revised proposal.

In order to be considered by the Graduate Committee during the spring semester, graduate proposals must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies for preliminary review not later than four weeks before the last day of spring classes. Proposals subsequently passed from the Director of Graduate Studies to the Graduate Committee for review will be considered in the order received. Proposals that cannot be reviewed by the committee in its final meetings will be considered at the first meeting of the fall semester

## Guidelines for Proposals for Dissertations in Theory and Musicology, Lecture Recitals, and DMA Compositions

(on the cover)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Draft #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address  
Degree sought, with area of concentration  
Type of study: Thesis  
Include this statement and appropriate signatures:

I have read this proposal and believe it is ready for consideration by the Graduate Committee

Major Professor	_____	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name		
Committee Member	_____	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name		
Committee Member	_____	_____	Date	_____
	signature	print name		

2. Proposed Title
3. Intent and Scope of Study

Introduce the subject you will investigate and delineate the limits of your study. Define technical or special terms, and words not used in their ordinary sense.

4. Statement of Primary Thesis

A thesis is a simple declarative statement that can be discussed and maintained against objections. Your thesis statement should concisely express (one or two sentences) the main point you intend to make concerning your subject. For additional information about what a thesis statement is, and how to create one, please see <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/thesis-statements/>.

5. Review of the Scholarly Literature

Describe how your thinking has been shaped by the scholarly literature on your subject, and demonstrate the independence of your thesis by differentiating your research from the scholarly sources cited in the Sources.

6. Organization

Outline the main divisions and subdivisions of your work, using standard outline format. If you are preparing a lecture-recital document, show how your *viva-voce* presentation will differ from your written presentation and give the title(s) of the compositions you will perform. Indicate which items of the written document will be omitted or compressed.

7. Methodology

List the principal steps you have taken to investigate your subject. Exemplify how you will use evidence drawn from your research to support your primary thesis. Include musical examples that illustrate the manner in which you will analyze the music under consideration. Identify and discuss the principal assumptions inherent in your treatment of your subject.

8. Sources

Provide a selective list of sources dealing directly with your subject. Bibliographic format should follow Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (current ed.).

9. Please paginate your proposal.

**Music Education Template for PhD Proposals Submitted to the Graduate Committee  
Quantitative and Qualitative Methodologies**

**Cover Page**

Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address  
Degree sought, with major and minor areas of concentration  
Type of study (Thesis)

Include this statement and appropriate signatures:

I have read this proposal and believe it is ready for consideration by the Graduate Committee

Major Professor _____	_____	Date _____
signature	print name	
Committee Member _____	_____	Date _____
Signature	print name	
Committee Member _____	_____	Date _____
signature	print name	

**Title Page** (Separate Page)

This is the first page of your paper. Your title page should include the following:

- The Running Head
- The Title of Your Paper
- The Author(s) Name, Address, Telephone Number, E-mail address
- Style Manual Used (“This paper conforms to the.... “)

**Introduction** (Separate Page)

Do not use the heading Introduction instead type the title of your paper here.

- Background of the Problem
- Need for the Study
- Theory — If Applicable (Extremely brief)

**Review of Literature**

Do not use the heading Review of Literature - no heading should be used for this section. Do not use a separate page for this section. The review continues directly after your introductory paragraphs.

- Brief description of research that is **directly** or **primarily** related to your study. Present the findings of individuals or groups of studies and begin to form a conceptual framework for your study.

- Brief description of the theory you are utilizing (If applicable)
- Summary of the literature and a focus to the formation of research question

Quantitative Format	Qualitative Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Purpose</li> <li>• Research Questions</li> <li>• Null or Alternative Hypotheses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Purpose</li> <li>• Research Questions</li> </ul>

### Methodology (Method and Purpose)

Not a separate page. You can use the heading Method, Method and Purpose, Design, or Methodology for this section

Quantitative Format	Qualitative Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample (or Participants) (Gender, age, range, geographical location, socioeconomic status, how selected, etc.)</li> <li>• Discuss tests/surveys to be administered, demographic data sheets to be used, etc. (Include validity and reliability information where appropriate.)</li> <li>• Discuss Procedure - Manner in which data will be collected, tests/surveys were administered, etc.</li> <li>• Provide Design if not included in above discussion (Discuss Internal and External Validity, Maturation Effects, John Henry Effect, Ceiling Effects, etc. if appropriate)</li> <li>• Discuss Analyses to be used and if not already mentioned identify the dependent and independent variables.</li> <li>• State Null or Alternative Hypotheses (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample (or Participants) (Gender, age, range, geographical location, socioeconomic status, how selected, etc.)</li> <li>• Discuss Procedure - Manner in which data will be collected</li> <li>• Discuss Analyses to be used</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Qualitative research is rooted in the traditions of sociology and anthropology, which recognizes the subjective nature of reality. The qualitative researcher acknowledges and embraces the paramount importance of context. This philosophical tenet is apparent in several characteristics of qualitative research: small sample size (as little as one), unknown variables, lack of a theoretical base, and an emergent design. <i>Therefore the methodology, when explained in a proposal, is often short and lacking in details because the design may, and often does, change as data are collected and analyzed.</i> In the final dissertation, one can expect to see detailed descriptions of participants, data collection (including amount of data in page numbers or length of interviews), and analysis procedures that outline the process of transforming the raw data into themes, interpretations, and implications. One might also see a theoretical lens employed based upon the data analysis or additional research problems added to the original design. This is typical and usually expected of qualitative inquiry.</p>

### Definition of Terms

### Possible References

Use separate page(s) for this section.

Please turn in to the Director of Graduate Studies (a) an electronic copy of your proposal and (b) a signature page signed by all members of your faculty advisory committee, and discuss a date for your interview with the Committee. Committee meetings are on Mondays at 11:00 a.m., and the deadline for submitting any item is noon on Monday, two weeks before the meeting.

Occasionally, pressing deadlines make it impossible to discuss proposals on the scheduled date. Please check with the Director of Graduate Studies prior to your scheduled meeting to make certain that you are still on the agenda.

### **Required Content of DMA Documents and PhD Dissertations**

Required pages for the document are found on the Graduate College website <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses>. If you are a performance major, all mentions of the word “dissertation” on these first three pages need to be changed to “document.”

- Cover Page
- Approval (Signature) Page
- Copyright Page
  - Copyright: You can file for a full copyright or to use the “non-copyright” page (which is a misnomer: it’s more of a partial copyright).
  - If you plan to use your doctoral research for future scholarly projects it is worthwhile to file for the full copyright. If you don’t decide to copyright with the copyright office, then the page in the front of the document should be the non-copyright version.

Follow all Graduate College format requirements as well as any required by the FFSOM. Endnotes are not acceptable.

### **Final Doctoral Oral Examinations**

This final examination is an oral defense of the entire “dissertation” (in the DMA degree all recitals and the lecture- recital document are offered in lieu of dissertation) and the student is expected to be able to defend all elements of the "dissertation." The examination may include any further general questioning related to the field(s) of study encompassed within the scope of the dissertation. Committee members should have the penultimate copy of the document at least 30 days before the examination (all committee members have reviewed the document and all requested changes have been made).

Steps to schedule a Final Doctoral Oral Examination:

- Find a date that works for all faculty. Set aside three hours. Reserve a room.
- Submit UA GradPath form on UAccess
- Prepare: Review your paper and your recitals
  - Defend your topic and choices made in analysis/etc.
  - Recitals – some faculty treat this like a second comprehensive examination. Study up on your topics again, using your recitals and final paper as your guide.
  - Some faculty committees treat this as though it is an editing session for your document
  - Bring food and water, not just for the faculty, but also for yourself. Three hours is a long time.
- Most often people “pass with revisions.”
  - Normally there is a two-week deadline after the final defense for all of the edits to be made by the student.
  - Review all edits with required committee members. Don’t be afraid to ask for revisions or time to sit down with them and go through it in real time. The major professor also has both an FFSOM and a GradPath form to fill out.

## Final Submission of Dissertations and Documents

After the final oral examination, students make any necessary corrections in their documents and submit a copy to the Director of Graduate Studies for approval and format review. Students are notified of the remaining items that must be completed.

After all required changes have been made, the major professor approves the final copy of the document. Once all remaining items have been completed, an electronic copy of the dissertation/document is archived with the UA Graduate College.

### Steps for Final Submission of Dissertations and Documents

- After a successful Final Oral Defense a majority of the faculty advisory committee members often waive additional review of the document, and signify their approval by signing the Approval Page of the document the day of the defense. When all committee revisions have been completed, the major advisor signs the Approval Page and submits it, along with a completed Change of Grade Form, to the Director of Graduate Studies for submission to the Graduate College.
- After all committee revisions have been completed an electronic copy of the document is submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies for final FFSOM format check.
- After the DGS edits have been made, the document is archived with the UA Graduate College (see <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses> and <https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertaions-theses/submitting-your-dissertation>)
- The archiving process includes several additional steps:
  - Determine if you'd like to purchase a hard-copy of your dissertation/document:
  - Copyright (full copyright or "non-copyright")
  - After uploading and submitting, the Graduate College may request additional formatting edits. Finish those, and make sure to upload the new version to the Proquest website and hit the revision submission button. You will receive notice of approval.

### Final Items before graduation

- Exit survey for the Graduate College.
- Major advisor submits Change of Grade Form to change K Grade for MUS 920 or MUS 925 to S (superior), P (pass), or E (fail).
- Both the Change of Grade form and the signed Approval Page must be submitted to the Graduate College for you to receive your degree.
- Once all items are submitted and approved, a "Certificate of Completion" can be requested from the graduate college. Contact the Grad. College representative you have been in contact so far (at present, Michael Renning) in order to pick one up.

## Leave of Absence Policy

Students in degree programs may be granted a Leave of Absence for a maximum of one year by the UA Graduate College. Students petition for LOAs through UA GradPath, which can be reached from UAccess Student Center (<https://tech.music.arizona.edu/>).

## Grade Appeal

A student who feels that a grade has been unfairly awarded may appeal. Before a student begins the appeal process, he/she should make every effort to resolve the problem by consulting with the course instructor. If the instructor and student do not reach a resolution within a two-week period, the student shall, within one week thereafter, readdress and submit the written appeal to the Director of Graduate Studies of the FFSOM. Instructions for the grade appeal process may be found at <http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/grade-appeal>.

Instructions for the grade appeal process may be found at <http://catalog.arizona.edu/2011-12/policies/gradappeal.htm>.

**GRADUATE MUSIC (MUS) COURSES (not including Ensembles)**

510 A/B	Pedagogy (2-2)	604	Historical Research in Music (3)
511A/B	Diction for Singers (2-2)	620 A/B	History of Speculative Theory (3-3)
520 A/B	Counterpoint (3-3)	622	Theory Pedagogy (3)
521 A	Analysis of Tonal Music I: Form (3)	623	Post Tonal Analysis (3)
521 B	Analysis of Tonal Music II: Chromaticism (3)	624 A	Introduction to Schenkerian Theory (3)
521 C	Analysis of Contemporary Music (3)	624 B	Seminar in Schenkerian Theory (3)
522 A/B	Art Song Repertory (2-2)	625A/B	Specialized Readings in Music Theory (3-3)
523 A/B	History of the Opera (3-3)	635	Choral Literature and Technique (3) Rpt/5
525	History and Literature of the Wind Band (3)	640	Advanced Composition (3) Rpt/5
526 A/B	Piano Literature (3-3)	650	Foundations and Principles of Music Ed. (3)
527 A/B	Careers in Music (2-2)	654	Psychology of Music (3)
528	Entrepreneurship in the Arts (3)	655	Quantitative Analysis in Music Education
530	Music in the Renaissance (3)	672	Teaching Music in Higher Education (3)
531	Music in the Baroque (3)	693	Internship (1-6)
532	Music in the Classical Period (3)	694	Practicum (1-6)
533	Music of the 20th Century (3)	695B	Special Topics in Music (3)
534	Music Since 1950 (3)	696 A	Seminar in Music Education (3) Rpt/3
535	Music in the Middle Ages (3)	696 B	Seminar in Musicology (3) Rpt/3
536	Music in the Romantic Period	696 C	Seminar in Music Theory (3) Rpt/3
541	Electro-Acoustic Music (3)	696 D	Seminar in Composition (3) Rpt/4
542	Electro-Acoustic Studio Resources (3)	696 E	Seminar in Keyboard Studies (3)
550	Advanced Studies in Music Teaching (3)	696 F	Seminar in Ethnomusicology (3)
551	Behavioral Research in the Arts (3)	699	Independent Study (credit varies)
555	Music and German Literature (3)	900	Research (2-4)
568	Studies in Latin American Music (3)	905	DMA Minor Recital
595B	Art Music in the United States (3)	909	Master's Report (3)
596B	Musicology Seminar (3) Rpt/3	910	Thesis (3)
596E	Seminar in Music and Dance Collab. (2)	915	Master's Recital (1-2)
599	Independent Study (credit varies)	920	Dissertation (1-9)
600	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Music (3)	925	Doctoral Recitals (1-9)
603	Qualitative Research in Music (3)		