

# Master of Music: Music Education Program Guidelines

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Music Education students will choose either the Project Option or the Thesis Option. All students will take the required Academic Courses.

# **Project Option (24 hours)**

#### MUSC 6770 Research in Music Education 3 MUSC 6975 **Music Education Project: Masters** 6 *Music Electives* Choose six credits of graduate music courses 6 Music Education Electives 9 *Choose three courses from the following:* MUSC 6700 Advanced Choral Methods MUSC 6710 Advanced Instrumental Methods History and Philosophy of Music Education MUSC 6720 Musical Development and Learning MUSC 6730 Psychology of Music MUSC 6740 MUSC 6780 Assessment in the Arts MUSC 6790 Seminar in Music Education (Special Topics) Instrumental Conducting Seminar MUSC 6850 Choral Conducting Seminar I MUSC 6860 Instrumental Ensemble Literature and Resources MUSC 6870 Seminar in Choral Literature and Resources I MUSC 6880

# Thesis Option (24 hours)

MUSC 6720 MUSC 6770	History and Philosophy of Music Education Research in Music Education	3
MUSC 6970	Thesis Research: Masters	6
Music Electives	Choose three credits of graduate music courses	3
Music Education Electives	Choose three courses from the following:	9
MUSC 6700	Advanced Choral Methods	
MUSC 6710	Advanced Instrumental Methods	
MUSC 6730	Musical Development and Learning	
MUSC 6740	Psychology of Music	
MUSC 6780	Assessment in the Arts	
MUSC 6790	Seminar in Music Education (Special Topics)	
MUSC 6850	Instrumental Conducting Seminar	
MUSC 6860	Choral Conducting Seminar I	
MUSC 6870	Instrumental Ensemble Literature and Resources	
MUSC 6880	Seminar in Choral Literature and Resources I	

#### **Credit Hours**

# Academic Courses (8 hours)

<i>Bibliography</i> MUSC 6010	Music Bibliography	2
Musicology	Choose one course from the following:	3
MUSC 6610	Renaissance Music Grad	
MUSC 6620	Baroque Music Grad	
MUSC 6630	Classical Music Grad	
MUSC 6640	19th-Century Music Grad	
MUSC 6650	20th- and 21st-Century Music Grad	
MUSC 6660	Music of the United States Grad	
MUSC 6670	Orchestral Studies Seminar Masters	
MUSC 6680	Opera Studies Seminar Masters	
or	Research Seminars with permission of instructor (MUSC 6800,	
	6801, 6802, 6803, 6804, 6890)	
Music Theory	Choose one course from the following:	3
MUSC 6550	Advanced Formal Procedures of the 18th/19th Centuries I	
MUSC 6520	20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century Analysis I	
MUSC 6536	History of Western Music Theory	
MUSC 6580	Special Topics in Music Theory (with instructor consent)	
MUSC 7510	Theory Pedagogy	

### **Total Credit Hours**

#### Acceptance into the Master of Music in Music Education

To be considered for admission to the MM in Music Education, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1. Hold a Bachelor's degree in music from an accredited institution.
- 2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in all previous collegiate work.
- 3. Have teacher certification in music from Utah or any other state, OR be accepted into the music teacher certification program at the University of Utah.
- 4. Score an 85 or higher on the TOEFL iBT (international applicants only).

Complete the following steps to apply to the MM:

- 1. Submit the online Graduate Admissions application. As part of this application MM applicants need to upload:
  - a. Transcripts of course work from all schools attended.
  - b. Three letters of recommendation from professors, employers, and/or other professionals qualified to judge the applicant's ability to successfully complete graduate studies.

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- c. Statement of Purpose, including future goals.
- d. An academic writing sample.
- e. TOEFL score, if applicable.
- Submit to the School of Music a link to a high-quality YouTube video of your teaching in any setting (10-20 minutes in length). YouTube link should be sent to the Academic Coordinator: <u>David.A.Fox@utah.edu</u>.

Note: Applicant's application will be reviewed by a committee of faculty members within the music education area.

#### **Graduate Placement Exams**

Placement examinations in Music History and Music Theory are taken after the student has been accepted by Graduate Admissions. Preparation materials are available on the School of Music website. Placement examinations must be taken prior to registering for Music History and Music Theory courses.

Results of graduate placement exams determine placement in graduate courses and identify areas in which remedial work may be necessary. Students are encouraged to study diligently for these examinations. Poor performance could result in the student being required to take a considerable number of remedial courses. Students recommended for remedial courses must earn a B- or better in recommended courses before advancing to a higher-level course.

*Music History*: The graduate Music History diagnostic examination covers the breadth of Western art music from the medieval period to the present through a variety of questions evaluating the student's knowledge of important composers, works, terms, and concepts.

*Music Theory*: The graduate Music Theory placement examination assesses the student's competence in harmony, voice leading, counterpoint, form, and instrumentation.

#### **Appointment of Supervisory Committee**

Members of the Supervisory Committee consult with the student in planning their degree program and research; they also administer the project/thesis defense. It is the responsibility of the student to approach faculty to request that they serve on the Supervisory Committee. Students should submit the *Request for Supervisory Committee* form to the Academic Coordinator. The Graduate Studies Committee votes on and approves Supervisory Committees.

The student's project/thesis supervisor serves as the Chair of the Supervisory Committee. MM Supervisory Committees consist of three faculty members, the majority of whom must be tenure-line faculty in the School of Music. The Supervisory Committee is customarily chosen during the first year of study.

#### **Project/Thesis Defense**

Upon completion of the project/thesis, MM candidates will complete a project or thesis defense conducted by their Supervisory Committee. All defenses must be held before the last day of classes in the Fall and Spring semesters. Defenses are not to be held during Final Exam or Reading Days or during Summer semester.

A copy of the thesis must be distributed to the Supervisory Committee at least a month prior to the defense; the thesis advisor must approve the thesis prior to distribution. Thesis defenses must be held in a neutral location and are open to the public.