

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN MUSIC

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The M.A. in music provides advanced and in-depth training opportunities for both choral and instrumental conducting professionals in schools, churches, and community organizations. This degree affords students the opportunity for further professional development and enables them to seek and advance careers in conducting or in teaching at the secondary and post-secondary levels. It also prepares students for doctoral programs in choral or instrumental conducting.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Intensive summer graduate program in choral/instrumental conducting provides advanced and in-depth training for current conducting professionals.
- Courses are designed to address practical issues in choral/instrumental conducting to improve conducting skills and stylistic awareness.
- Students receive intensive and practical training in conducting, instrumental, and choral/vocal pedagogy, performance practices, score preparations, rehearsal techniques, and applied music.
- The 36-hour program can be completed in four summers or three summers and one academic year.

Upon completion of the program, students will:

- demonstrate effective rehearsal techniques and conducting skills;
- apply informed critical thinking skills and knowledge of music theory to determine composers' intention from written scores;
- utilize research skills for the study of both primary and secondary sources in music;
- understand and interpret musical styles and performance practices of various musical periods in music;
- integrate various studies in music history, theory, and analysis into score study and preparation; and
- demonstrate self-confidence as a professional conductor.

The master of arts in music candidate must complete thirty-six hours of coursework, including a full graduate conducting recital. In addition, he/she must complete the capstone experience by passing a comprehensive examination in the areas of conducting, music theory, and music literature.

	Hours
Music Core Courses	14
MUSC 621 Research Methods in Music	3
MUSC 622 Music History and Literature I (Gregorian Chants to J. S. Bach)	3
MUSC 623 Music History and Literature II (Classical to 20 th century)	3
MUSC 626 Analysis and Performance	3
MUSC 699 Graduate Project	2
 Emphases (Select one of the following):	
Choral Conducting Emphasis	22
MUSC 614 Applied Conducting–Choral ¹	
MUSC 631 Practicum in Choral Conducting ¹	
MUSC 603 Applied Music–Voice ¹	
MUSC 632 Choral Methods	3
MUSC 633 Choral Literature and Style Analysis	3
MUSC 612 Graduate Ensemble–Choral Union ¹	
 OR	
Instrumental Conducting Emphasis	22
MUSC 613 Graduate Ensemble–Wind Symphony ¹	
MUSC 615 Applied Conducting–Instrumental ¹	
MUSC 641 Practicum in Instrumental Conducting ¹	
MUSC 642 Instrumental Methods and Pedagogy	3
 Instrumental Literature–choose one from the following:	
MUSC 643 Symphonic Literature	3
MUSC 644 Historic Wind Band Literature to 1950	
MUSC 645 Contemporary Wind Ensemble Literature	
 Applied Music (1 credit x 4 semesters)	
MUSC 601 Piano	
MUSC 602 Organ	
MUSC 604 Woodwind	
MUSC 605 Brass	
MUSC 606 Percussion	
MUSC 607 Strings	

¹ 1 credit x 4 semesters

Note: All students entering the M.A. in music program will take a diagnostic exam in music theory prior to the start of their first semester. If additional prerequisite coursework is required after the exam, students will enroll in MUSC 504 Graduate Music Theory Review in their first semester. Credit for the review course is not applied toward the degree.