

<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>Credit Hrs</b>
<i>Bibliography</i> MUSC 6010	Music Bibliography	2
<i>Musicology Seminars</i> MUSC 6800 MUSC 6801 MUSC 6802 MUSC 6803 MUSC 6804 MUSC 6890	<i>Choose three from the following:</i> Seminar in Musicology: Renaissance Seminar in Musicology: Baroque Seminar in Musicology: Classical Seminar in Musicology: Romantic Seminar in Musicology: 1900 to the Present Seminar in Musicology: Special Topics	9
<i>Music Theory</i> MUSC 6550 MUSC 6520 MUSC 6536	<i>Choose two from the following:</i> Advanced Formal Procedures of the 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries I 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century Analysis I History of Western Music Theory	6
<i>Electives</i>	<i>Complete 9 hours</i> 3 hours – Music Courses 6 hours – Humanities or Fine Arts courses (Upper-division or Graduate level)	9
<i>Thesis</i> MUSC 6970	Thesis Research – Submit an 80-100 page document of original research. Student must submit a formal thesis proposal to his/her Supervisory Committee.	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<hr/> <b>32</b>

This is an academic degree. Therefore, performance lessons will not count toward graduation, although the student may take performance lessons while working on his/her MA.

#### **Acceptance into the Master of Arts in Musicology**

To be considered for admission to the MA, 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. Score an 85 or higher on the TOEFL iBT (international applicants only).

Submit the following as part of the online Graduate Admissions application:

1. Transcripts of course work from all schools attended.

2. Three letters of recommendation from professors, employers, and/or other professionals qualified to judge the applicant's ability to successfully complete doctoral studies.
3. A one-to-two page Statement of Purpose outlining the applicant's background and goals for graduate study in Musicology.
4. Two or three research papers in music history that demonstrate your skill as a researcher, writing ability, and capacity for critical thinking and originality. We are interested in reading what you consider to be your best and most substantial work, and we encourage you to revise papers written for undergraduate courses before submission. These papers should be received by February 15 for Fall admission.
5. TOEFL score, if applicable.

### **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.

### **Language Requirement**

"Standard proficiency" in French, German, or Italian must be demonstrated. Standard proficiency assumes a reading comprehension level expected of a student who has completed one year of college foreign language instruction or the equivalent. Students may verify standard proficiency in one of the following ways:

1. Complete a second semester language course (1020), or the equivalent at another institution, with at least a "B" grade (3.0).
2. Pass the MLA (Modern Language Assessment) in the Testing Center with a score indicating standard proficiency.

Students requiring remediation in the foreign language requirement must obtain the expected proficiency during their first year of graduate study. This requirement should be satisfied before students enroll in research seminars or begin work on final projects.

### **Appointment of Supervisory Committee**

Members of the Supervisory Committee consult with the student in planning their degree program and research; they also administer the comprehensive exams and the 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 thesis supervisor serves as the Chair of the Supervisory Committee. MA 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.

### **Written Comprehensive Examination in Musicology**

A written comprehensive examination in musicology, administered by the Musicology Area, will be taken by the student at the completion of the program. The examination will focus on materials covered in the 6600 - level courses. An examination, or parts of an examination, may be repeated only once and only at the discretion of the Supervisory Committee.

Prior to taking the comprehensive examination the student must have completed all course work in the subject area of the exam and no incompletes may be outstanding. The student must be enrolled in at least one credit hour during the semester of the examination. Summer administration of the examinations is allowed if approved through an Exception to Policy.

### **Thesis Defense**

Upon completion of the thesis, each student must successfully complete an oral defense before the Supervisory Committee. 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.

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.