

Doctor of Philosophy: Music Education

Program Guidelines

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Required Courses

Credit Hours

		Total Credit Hours	65-67
MUSC 7970		Thesis Research: PhD	14
Electives		Complete 12 credits of electives	12
Supporting Area		Complete three courses in your supporting area	9
Statistics		Complete two statistics courses	6
MUSC 7710		Doctoral Seminar in Music Education (2 courses)	6
MUSC 6780		Assessment in the Arts	3
MUSC 6720		History and Philosophy of Music Education	3 3 3
MUSC 6730		Musical Development and Music Learning	3
<i>Area of Specialization</i> MUSC 6770		Research in Music Education	3
MUSC 7510		Theory Pedagogy	
MUSC 6521		20 th /21 st Century Analysis II	
MUSC 6520		$20^{\text{th}}/21^{\text{st}}$ Century Analysis I	
MUSC 6551		Advanced Formal Procedures of the 18 th /19 th Centuries II	
MUSC 6550		Advanced Formal Procedures of the 18 th /19 th Centuries I	-
Music Theory		Choose one from the following:	3
	or	Research Seminars with permission of instructor (MUSC 7800, 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, 7890)	
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MUSC 7670 MUSC 7680		Orchestral Studies Seminar Doctoral	
MUSC 6650 MUSC 6660		20 th - and 21 st -Century Music Grad Music of the United States Grad	
MUSC 6640		19 th -Century Music Grad	
MUSC 6630		Classical Music Grad	
MUSC 6620		Baroque Music Grad	
MUSC 6610		Renaissance Music Grad	
Musicology		Choose one from the following	3
			2
MUSC 6010		Music Bibliography (if not taken for requisite Master's degree)	(2)
Bibliography			

Acceptance into the Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education

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

- 1. Hold Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from accredited institutions.
- 2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in all previous collegiate work.
- 3. Have the equivalent of two years of elementary/secondary school music teaching experience.
- 4. Score an 85 or higher on the TOEFL iBT (international applicants only).

Complete the following steps to apply to the PhD:

- 1. Submit the online Graduate Admissions application. As part of this application PhD 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 doctoral studies.
 - 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 links should be sent to the Academic Coordinator: David.A.Fox@utah.edu.

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, research, and thesis; they also administer the qualifying 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. PhD Supervisory Committees consist of five faculty members, the majority of whom must be tenure-line faculty in the School of Music. One member of the Supervisory Committee must be from another department. The Supervisory Committee must be chosen by the end of the second year of study.

Residency Requirement

At least two consecutive semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall) must be spent in full-time academic work at the University of Utah. Summer semester does not count for this purpose.

Qualifying Examinations

Written qualifying examinations are required of each PhD student. An examination, or parts of an examination, may be repeated only once and only at the discretion of the Supervisory Committee. The qualifying exam must be passed before a student can register for the Thesis.

Prior to taking the qualifying 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.

The PhD in Music Education qualifying examination will consist of an intensive written exam in music education and a portfolio of the student's original work, including an annotated bibliography, a publishable manuscript, and a teaching/research philosophy statement. Specific requirements for the portfolio will be determined by music education area faculty in collaboration with the student and in consideration of the student's individual needs and research interests.

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.