

<b>Academic Courses (11 hours)</b>		<b>Credit Hrs</b>
<i>Bibliography</i>		
MUSC 6010	Music Bibliography	2
Choose a total of 9 hours from Musicology and Music Theory courses:		9
<i>Musicology</i>	<i>Choose one or two courses from the following:</i>	3-6
MUSC 6610	Music Literature: Renaissance	
MUSC 6620	Music Literature: Baroque	
MUSC 6630	Music Literature: Classical	
MUSC 6640	Music Literature: Romantic	
MUSC 6650	Music Literature: 1900-Present	
MUSC 6660	Music Literature: American Music	
MUSC 6670	Symphonic Literature	
MUSC 6680	Opera Literature	
	<b>or</b> Research Seminars with permission of instructor (MUSC 6800, 6801, 6802, 6803, 6804, 6890)	
<i>Music Theory</i>	<i>Choose one or two courses from the following:</i>	3-6
MUSC 6550	Advanced Formal Procedures of the 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries I	
MUSC 6520	20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century Analysis I	
MUSC 7510	Theory Pedagogy	
<b>Area of Specialization (24 hours)</b>		
MUSC 6190	Advanced Private Lessons (2 semesters)	6
MUSC 6470	Advanced Jazz Ensembles (2 semesters)	2
	<b>or</b>	
MUSC 6490	Advanced Guitar Ensemble (for guitarists only)	
MUSC 6475	Advanced Jazz Combo (2 semesters)	2
MUSC 6390	Materials and Methods of Advanced Jazz Improvisation	3
MUSC 6391	Jazz Styles and Analysis	3
MUSC 6392	Advanced Jazz Composition/Arranging	3
MUSC 6920	Master's Performance I (instrumental recital)	1
MUSC 6930	Master's Performance II (composition or arranging recital)	1
<i>Electives</i>	<i>Choose one course from the following:</i>	3
MUSC 6530	Independent Study in Jazz Composition	
MUSC 6360	Advanced Electro-Acoustic Music Composition I	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>35</b>

## **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Master of Music Jazz Studies degree is to provide specialized training for students with interest and/or career aspirations as jazz performers, composers, and educators. The curriculum is designed to allow students flexibility in emphasizing particular interests in jazz while at the same time insuring a broad perspective of advanced jazz knowledge and skills development.

## **Acceptance into the Master of Music in Jazz Studies**

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

1. Hold a Bachelor's degree in Jazz Composition or Performance (or equivalent) from an accredited institution.
2. Have a background in Jazz composition and performance.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in all previous collegiate work.
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 doctoral studies.
  - c. Statement of Purpose, including future goals.
  - d. TOEFL score, if applicable.
2. Complete a solo audition, by recording or in person. See audition repertoire on the School of Music website.
3. Submit photocopies of two or three original jazz scores or arrangements for faculty review.

## **Jazz Diagnostic Exams**

Each entering student must take diagnostic examinations in Jazz History and Jazz Improvisation. If test results are unsatisfactory, the student will be required to take a semester of MUSC 1236, Survey of Jazz, and/or MUSC 4350, Jazz Improvisation III without degree credit.

Each entering student must take a diagnostic examination in Jazz Theory and Arranging. If test results are unsatisfactory, the student will be required to take one or more semesters of the following: Jazz Theory (4570), Jazz Composition and Arranging I (4356), Jazz Composition and Arranging II (4357), without degree credit.

Each entering student must take a diagnostic exam in functional jazz piano. If test results are unsatisfactory, the student will be required to take one or more semesters of Jazz Keyboard Skills (2181 or 2182), without degree credit.

## **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.

### **Ensemble Participation**

Students are assigned by the faculty to a minimum of 2 performing groups (big bands and/or combos) each semester depending on the musical abilities of the student, the musical needs of the performing groups, and the amount of rehearsal and performance commitment involved in each group. This ensemble requirement during residency may pose an additional requirement beyond the minimum of 4 performance credits required for graduation.

### **Appointment of Supervisory Committee**

Members of the Supervisory Committee consult with the student in planning their degree program, research, and recitals; they also administer the oral exams. 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 major performance teacher (if tenure-line) serves as the Chair of the Supervisory Committee. If the performance teacher is not tenure-line he/she will serve as the "Director of Recitals." 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 but must be chosen before the student performs any recitals.

### **Recitals**

Students must fill out the proper recital forms and register for each recital prior to the semester of the scheduled recital. Recitals must be previewed and approved by the Supervisory Committee no later than two weeks prior to the date of the recital. Degree recitals should be held in a School of Music performance venue; exceptions are rare and must be approved through an Exception to Policy.

All students must perform and pass the Graduate Improvisation Proficiency Exam (GIPE) before they will be allowed to play a graduate recital. The exam will take place at an end of semester jazz jury. It is recommended but not required that students take the GIPE the semester prior to their recital.

Prior to graduation, each student must perform one recital (or equivalent) of his/her jazz compositions and/or arrangements. All works must be approved by the Advanced Jazz Composing/Arranging professor.

The Supervisory Committee comprises the Jury for the recitals. Students must be enrolled in private lessons during semesters in which recitals are given. All incomplete grades must be made up prior to the first day of the semester in which the recital is scheduled. Recitals must be held before the last day of classes in the Fall and Spring semesters.

### **Oral Exam**

Upon completion of the recital, MM candidates will take a final comprehensive oral examination conducted by their Supervisory Committee in their final semester. The examination will emphasize substantive issues associated with the final recital and cover additional topics from courses taken during the student's program; primary emphasis will be given to jazz history, jazz theory, and the history and literature of the student's instrument.

All oral exams must be held before the last day of classes in the Fall and Spring semesters. Oral exams are not to be held during Final Exam or Reading Days or during Summer semester.