

Master of Music: Vocal Performance & Pedagogy Program Guidelines

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Academic Courses (11 hours)		Credit Hours
<i>Bibliography</i>		
MUSC 6010	Music Bibliography	2
<i>Musicology</i>	<i>Choose two courses from the following:</i>	6
MUSC 6610	Renaissance Music Grad	
MUSC 6620	Baroque Music Grad	
MUSC 6630	Classical Music Grad	
MUSC 6640	19 th -Century Music Grad	
MUSC 6650	20 th - and 21 st -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)	
<i>Music Theory</i>	<i>Choose one course from the following:</i>	3
MUSC 6550	Advanced Formal Procedures of the 18 th /19 th Centuries I	
MUSC 6520	20 th /21 st Century Analysis I	
MUSC 6580	Special Topics in Music Theory	
MUSC 7510	Theory Pedagogy	
Area of Specialization (26 hours)		
MUSC 6190	Advanced Private Lessons (3 semesters)	9
MUSC 6201	Italian Diction for Graduate Performance	1
MUSC 6202	German Diction for Graduate Performance	1
MUSC 6203	French Diction for Graduate Performance	1
MUSC 6204	English Diction for Graduate Performance	1
MUSC 6820	Advanced Vocal Pedagogy	3
MUSC 6821	Advanced Vocal Pedagogy II	3
MUSC 64xx	Large Ensemble (includes Opera Workshop, Chamber Choir, A Cappella Choir, & Voce Altissime) (2 semesters)	2
MUSC 6822	Voice Teaching Practicum	2
MUSC 6810 or 6811	Grad Solo Vocal Literature for Singers and Pianists I or II	1
MUSC 6920	Master's Performance I	1
MUSC 6930	Master's Performance II	1
Elective (3 hours)	<i>Choose one course from the following areas of study:</i>	3
	Music Entrepreneurship, Graduate Vocal Literature, Keyboard, Advanced Private Lessons, Research Methodology for Vocology, Opera Workshop, Opera Production	

Acceptance Requirements for the Master of Music in Vocal Performance:

To be considered for admission to the MM in Vocal Performance, 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).

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.
 - c. Statement of Purpose, including future goals.
 - d. TOEFL score, if applicable.
2. Complete a solo audition. Students must prepare four selections – one must be in English; one must be an aria; different styles and languages are encouraged.
3. Have an interview with the voice faculty.

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.

Appointment of Supervisory Committee

Members of the Supervisory Committee consult with the student in planning their degree program, research, and recitals. 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, they 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.

Before beginning the preparation for a graduate recital, the repertoire must be approved by the student's Supervisory Committee. Repertoire performed at the audition cannot be performed again at recitals. The recitals will be 60-70 minutes in length demonstrating a high level of proficiency.

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.

Degree Completion

In preparation for the final MM recital, the candidate will submit a formal, research-based presentation of the recital repertoire in written (program notes) or oral (concert lecture) form. The detailed program notes/lecture outline should be submitted to the committee no less than two weeks prior to the recital preview. Candidates should consider including most or all of the following:

1. a description of the rationale behind the programming of repertoire for both required MM performances (repertoire building/expansion, particular research interests, etc.).
2. a discussion of the importance of each work in a broader music historical context.
3. brief biographical information of each composer and the significance of the works in their total body of works.
4. a discussion/description of key moments, where in-depth theoretical analysis of a work informed/changed or enhanced the performance.
5. a description/discussion on how the combination of course-work (all) and performances required (solo, chamber music, orchestra) in the degree has influenced, informed and broadened the candidate's view on performance and teaching.

Length and format to be agreed upon by candidate in consultation with the candidate's supervisory committee.