This sheet is for use as an aid in understanding degree requirements. In questions of official policy the School of Music Bulletin and official notices supersede this document. Please consult the bulletin for additional details regarding general regulations and policies for graduate music students.

Music History & Literature and Music Theory Entrance Proficiencies

All new students are required to show proficiency in Music History & Literature and Music Theory. The proficiencies may be satisfied in any of the following ways:

Students may take and pass the graduate entrance exams. Students must take the exams at the beginning of their first semester of enrollment; they may take them for a second time in their second semester. They may not take them again, nor may they take them after their second semester of enrollment. (Note that this includes summer sessions in which students are enrolled. Exams are ordinarily given in the week before classes begin each semester.)

Students may enroll in and pass the graduate review courses listed below:

M541 Music History Review for Graduate Students I—3 cr
M542 Music History Review for Graduate Students II—3 cr
T508 Written Theory Review for Graduate Students—3 cr
T509 Sight Singing Review for Graduate Students—3 cr
T511 Aural Theory Review for Graduate Students—3 cr

Students should begin enrolling in review courses from which they are not exempted by examination as soon as possible; otherwise completion of the degree may be delayed as T508 and M541-M542 serve as prerequisites to the master’s core requirements. The review courses are not offered every semester.

NOTE: Students in a doctoral program must complete all review courses within the first five semesters of enrollment.

Keyboard Proficiency Examination

All music graduate students must pass a keyboard proficiency examination. This exam is designed to ensure the student’s ability to use the keyboard as a tool within the framework of professional activities, and the requirements vary according to level and area of music study. This exam may be repeated as many times as necessary to show proficiency. The exam is offered at the end of each term. Students may enroll in secondary piano lessons as preparation for the exam.

Performance Proficiency

Demonstrate in person to a faculty auditioning committee a minimum level of music performance ability equivalent to the end of the fourth year for concentration undergraduate students in that area. Failure to meet the required level will automatically indicate probationary status and will require additional music performance study or other remediation in each period of enrollment as a prerequisite to the desired degree.

Styles Examination

All doctoral students must take the Styles exam in their first fall semester of enrollment. This will be their only opportunity. Students who pass the exam meet the requirement. Students who do not pass the exam must earn a grade of B or better in T545 Analysis of Music Literature. This course may fall anywhere in the student’s curriculum. This requirement must be completed before a student may begin qualifying examinations.

Major Field Requirements (36 Credits)

Conducting
G661 Doctoral Choral Conducting
(3 credits x 4 enrollments)

Literature
M657 Doctoral Seminar in Choral Literature
(3 credits x 4 enrollments)

Elective
Course(s) totaling 3 credits approved by the Choral Conducting Chairperson

Performances
G810 Choral Conducting Performance (3 cr)
G811 Choral Conducting Performance (3 cr)

Document
M620 Doctoral Document/Essay
(var. credit—3 credits total)

Minor Field Requirements (2 minors x 12 credits each)

The Doctor of Music degree requires the first minor field to be selected from Music Education, Music History & Literature, or Music Theory. The second minor field may be a second formal minor, an individualized minor, or guided electives approved by the student’s Advisory Committee Chairperson and the Director of Graduate Studies.

Tool Subject

Bibliography
M539 Introduction to Music Bibliography (2 cr)

Qualifying Examinations

Students in a doctoral degree program are not considered candidates for the degree until they have passed the qualifying examinations (styles, major field, first minor field, second minor field [if applicable], and orals) and have been recommended by their advisory committee to the Dean of the School of Music.

Language Proficiency

Choral conducting majors must show a knowledge of French, German, and Italian grammar and diction equivalent to the bachelor’s degree requirement of one semester in each. Students with less than one semester with a grade of C or better in each of these languages must pass proficiency tests or the prescribed language courses. Regardless of previous training, each student must pass a dictation proficiency examination in each language.

Grammar Courses:
French Elementary French I FRIT F100 (4 cr)
German Beginning German I GER G100 (4 cr)
Italian Elementary Italian I FRIT M100 (4 cr)

Diction Courses:
French Applied French Diction for Singers U233 (1 cr)
German Applied German Diction for Singers U243 (1 cr)
Italian Applied Italian Diction for Singers U203 (1 cr)

Student’s Responsibility: Students have a threefold responsibility: 1) to know and satisfy the graduation requirements stated in the School of Music Bulletin; 2) to know their academic standing based on the academic standards stated in the School of Music Bulletin; and 3) to know and observe all regulations and academic calendar deadlines as stated in the Schedule of Classes, the School of Music Bulletin, and the student handbooks. Faculty and staff advisors assist students in planning a program of study to meet degree requirements, but students are responsible for meeting all requirements for their respective degrees and all announced deadlines.

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