### Master Of Arts Theory

#### Requirements for: Master Of Arts Theory

**For students entering the M.A. program in the Research & University Graduate School: Fall 2001 through Summer 2003**

| Credit Hours and Grade Average Required: | Minimum Credit Hours: 32  
Minimum Graduate GPA: 3.00 |
| Credits earned in graduate theory and history & literature review courses, major ensemble, language proficiencies, or tool subjects are not applied to the minimum required hours for graduation. |

**This sheet is for use as an aid in understanding degree requirements. In questions of official policy the School of Music Bulletin, the Research & University Graduate School 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.*

#### 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.

### Major Field Requirements (20 Credits)

**Major Course Work**

- **T550** Readings in Music Theory (3 cr)
- **T551** Intro. to Analytical Techniques (3 cr)
- **T555** Schenkerian Analysis (3 cr)
- **T556** Analysis of Twentieth-Cen. Music (3 cr)
- **T531** Eighteenth-Century Counterpoint (3 cr)
- **T557** Studies in the Theory of Music (3 cr)
- **T558** Master’s Degree Review (0 cr)
- **T591** Teaching of Music Theory (3 cr)

*If a student demonstrates proficiency in any of these areas, other graduate-level music theory courses may be substituted upon approval of the Department of Music Theory.*

**Ensemble**

**Major Ensemble**

Enrollment in a major ensemble (X0??) is required each semester of enrollment.

**Minor Field (12 Credits)**

**Music History & Literature** 6 credits

Choose two courses from the following list:

- **M525** Survey of Operatic Literature (3 cr)
- **M527** Symphonic Literature (3 cr)
- **M528** Chamber Music Literature (3 cr)
- **M651** Medieval Music (3 cr)
- **M652** Renaissance Music (3 cr)
- **M653** Music of the Baroque Period (3 cr)
- **M654** Classic Music (3 cr)
- **M655** Romantic Music (3 cr)
- **M656** Twentieth-Century Music (3 cr)

**OR**

Choose one course from the list above and one course from:

- **M502** Composers: Variable Topics (3 cr)
- **M510** Topics in Music Literature (3 cr)

**Other Courses** 6 credits

Two three-credit courses in a field outside of music in which the student has sufficient background for advanced course work.

### Tool Subject

**Bibliography** 2 credits

- **M539** Introduction to Music Bibliography (2 cr)

### Comprehensive Review

Prior to graduation, all master's degree students must pass an oral or written examination. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the major field department to ascertain the procedures established within that department. This consultation should be accomplished within the first year of residency.

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**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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