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 music history and literature requirement. 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.

Language Proficiency

Vocalists must show knowledge of French, German, and Italian grammar equivalent to two semesters at the college level in each, and proficiency in diction in each language as demonstrated by examination or by passing a Jacobs School of Music diction course. Students must take all three diction exams in their first semester of enrollment; with Voice department permission, they may take specific exams for a second time in their second semester of enrollment. For any exam not passed, students must pass the appropriate Jacobs School of Music diction course.

Grammar Courses:
- French: Elementary French I FRIT F100 (4 cr) and II FRIT F150 (4 cr) or Accelerated Elementary French FRIT F115 (4 cr)
- German: Beginning German I GER G100 (4 cr) and II GER G150 (4 cr) or Accelerated Elementary German I GER G105 (5 cr)
- Italian: Elementary Italian I FRIT M100 (4 cr) and II FRIT M150 (4 cr) or Accelerated Elementary Italian FRIT M115 (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 U253 (1 cr)

Music History and Literature Requirement (6 Credits)

Choose two courses from the following list:
- M527 Symphonic Literature (3 cr)
- M528 Chamber Music Literature (3 cr)
- M560 Music in the United States (3 cr)
- M562 Renaissance Music (3 cr)
- M653 Baroque Music (3 cr)
- M654 Classic Music (3 cr)
- M655 Romantic Music (3 cr)
- M656 Music Since 1900 (3 cr)
- M502 Composers: Variable Topics (3 cr)
- M510 Topics in Music Literature (3 cr)

Outside Area (6 credits)

The Outside Area comprises six credit hours in one field, which can be satisfied in any of three ways: 1) six credit hours in one of the Jacobs School of Music other than your major, with approval of the appropriate department chairperson and the Director of Graduate Studies; 2) six credit hours in one field outside of the JSoM, with approval of the graduate advisor in that department and the Director of Graduate Studies in the JSoM; or 3) six credit hours in one field outside the JSoM, with approval of the Director of Graduate Studies in accordance with departmental guidelines. For this option, called an "individualized outside area," the courses must fit a specific theme or emphasis; a written proposal is required. To declare an Outside Area, students must complete an Outside Area Approval Form, acquire the appropriate signature, and submit the form to the Graduate Office.

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.

For students entering the M.M. program in the Jacobs School of Music: Fall 2007 through Summer 2009