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 who completed their undergraduate degree at IU in the current calendar year or three preceding calendar years can be exempt from the graduate entrance exams with minimum grades in specific courses. See the Jacobs School of Music Bulletin for details.

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

- M501 Proseminar in Music History (3 cr)
- TS08 Written Theory Review for Graduate Students (3 cr)
- TS91 Sight Singing Review for Graduate Students (1 cr)
- TS11 Aural Theory Review for Graduate Students (1 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. TS08 and M501 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. The keyboard proficiency requirement may be satisfied by passing the examination at any of the times it is offered or by receiving a grade of B or higher in P715 Keyboard Review for Graduate Students (1 cr).

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 the week prior to the beginning of their first semester of enrollment; they may take specific exams for a second time in the week prior to their second semester of enrollment. For any exam not passed, students must pass the appropriate Jacobs School of Music diction course.

Grammar Courses:

- Italian: FRIT-M 100 and FRIT-M 150 Elementary Italian I and II (4 cr each) or FRIT-M 115 Accelerated Elementary Italian (4 cr) or FRIT-M 110 Italian Language through Opera (4 cr).
- German: GER-G 100 and GER-G 150 Beginning German I and II (4 cr each) or GER-G 105 Accelerated Elementary German (5 cr).
- French: FRIT-F 100 and FRIT-F 150 Elementary French I and II (4 cr each) or FRIT-F115 Accelerated Elementary French (4 cr).

If you took a language at another university, and your official transcript includes the title of the course(s), the credit hours, and a letter grade of “C” or higher, then you may be able to have that language waived. See the Music Graduate Office for details by the end of your first semester of enrollment to have your transcript reviewed.

Diction Courses:

- Italian: V 150 Italian Diction for Singers (1 cr)
- German: V 250 German Diction for Singers (1 cr)
- French: V 350 French Diction for Singers (1 cr)

Requirements for: **Master of Music Voice**

**Credit Hours and Grade Average Required:**

- Minimum Credit Hours: 33
- Grade Point Average: 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.

**Major Field Requirements (21 Credits)**

- **Applied Lessons**: 12 credits
  - V900 Voice Graduate Major (3-8 credits per enrollment)
  - IS00 Performance and Composition Masterclass (0 cr—concurrent with enrollment in V900, if applicable)

- **Literature**: 6 credits
  - M531 Song Literature I (3 cr)
  - M532 Song Literature II (3 cr)

- **Pedagogy**: 3 credits
  - E594 Voice Pedagogy (3 cr)

- **Recitals**: 0 credit
  - I711 Master’s Recital (0 cr—concurrent with enrollment in V900, if applicable)

1. V910 vocal coaching may substitute for a maximum of two credits of V900, with permission of the voice department.

2. The first recital requirement (I711 Master’s Recital) must be a standard voice recital. The second recital may be a standard or specialized voice recital, or this requirement may be met with opera roles, if approved by the voice faculty.

**Music History and Literature Requirement (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)
- M650 Music in the United States (3 cr)
- M651 Medieval Music (3 cr)
- M652 Renaissance Music (3 cr)
- M653 Baroque Music (3 cr)
- M654 Classic Music (3 cr)
- M655 Romantic Music (3 cr)
- M656 Modern Music (3 cr)
- M657 Music Since 1960 (3 cr)
- M502 Composers: Variable Topics (3 cr)
- M510 Topies in Music Literature (3 cr)

1. Course topics may not be repeated.

**Other Required Credits (6 credits)**

6 credit hours, inside or outside the Jacobs School of Music. Courses must be at 500 level or higher, except that courses outside the Jacobs School of Music may be at the 300 or 400 levels, with the approval of the director of graduate studies. For students whose degree requires a language as a tool subject, 200-level courses in that language may be used with the approval of the student’s degree department and the director of graduate studies. Performance lessons must be at 800 level and may not include lessons on the student’s major instrument. Credits may not be used for major ensemble, capstone courses (e.g., thesis, document), recitals, proficiency courses, or tool subjects. 6 credits taken within a single department outside the student’s major department may become an Outside Area. An Outside Area may become a minor if 12 credit hours are taken in that field.

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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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