



Twin Cities Campus

Music Ph.D.

School of Music

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Length of program in credits: 87 to 92
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The School of Music offers the degrees of master of arts (M.A.), master of music (M.M.), doctor of musical arts (D.M.A.), and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.). Specific degree plans and emphases are listed in each degree's program requirements.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

Applicants interested in doctoral level study must hold a master's degree in an appropriate field of study. For the Ph.D. in music education/therapy, applicants must also have documentation of at least 3 years of teaching experience or at least 3,500 hours of clinical experience.

Special Application Requirements:

The theory Ph.D. requires original papers (one tonal and one post-tonal analysis) for admission.

The composition Ph.D. requires original scores and recordings (2-4 scores of varying genres) for admission.

The musicology/ethnomusicology Ph.D. requires original papers for admission.

The music education/music therapy Ph.D. requires original papers (e.g. research or professional papers) and documentation of at least 3 years of teaching experience or at least 3,500 hours of clinical experience. An interview is also required.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.



Program Requirements

51 to 56 credits are required in the major.

12 credits are required outside the major.

24 thesis credits are required.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

Language Requirement: Varies according to field.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

The language requirement for musicology and ethnomusicology includes two languages chosen from French, German, and Italian. Substitution may be made when a different language is needed for the thesis.

For composition, the language requirement includes reading knowledge of two foreign languages; with approval, an equivalent research tool may be substituted for a foreign language.

For theory, the language requirement includes German and either French or Italian. Substitution may be made when a different language is needed for the thesis; with approval, the second language may also be replaced by a collateral field of knowledge or a special research technique.

There is no language requirement for the education/therapy degree.