

Master of Music (MM) in Composition

The degree requires the completion of 30 credit hours, including a thesis (MT 709), which consists of a score (and recorded performance if at all possible) of an original work in a larger form with an accompanying paper about the composition. An oral thesis defense is required. After the successful defense has been completed, a final copy of the thesis must be approved by the thesis committee and by the Associate Director for Graduate Music Studies, and submitted according to the guidelines found on the University Library's website. Approval and submission must be completed before the degree can be conferred.

A separate final comprehensive oral examination (MT 799) covering the entire program of study, including the thesis, is required at the end of the program (after the successful thesis defense).

The Graduate Music Diagnostic Exams in music theory and music history are required for placement purposes. Depending on the results of these exams, students may be required to take review coursework (MH 508, Graduate Music History Review; MT 508, Graduate Music Theory Review; and/or other remedial coursework). These review classes count as General Music Electives only.

COURSE DISTRIBUTION

Course Title	Course Number	Credit Hours
Advanced Composition	AM 680	8 credits (2,2,2,2)
Ensemble	ES _	1 credit
Research in Music	MH 520	3 credits
Music History Elective	Chosen from MH 500-503	3 credits
<i>Professional Topics in Music Composition</i>	<i>MT 421</i>	<i>1 credit</i>
Composition Seminar	MT 622	4 (1,1,1,1)
Composition Recital	MT 708	0 credits
Thesis	MT 709	0 credits
Final Comprehensive Exam	MT 799	0 credits
Music Theory Electives*	MT _	4 credits
General Music Electives		6 credits

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

30 credits

- *Courses in italics are offered in alternating years.*
- *MT 550 (Pedagogy of Music Theory) is encouraged, but not required. If electronic music has not been taken at the undergraduate level, it is strongly recommended that MT 440 (Introduction to Electronic Music) and MT 441 (Advanced Electronic Music) be taken. MT 508 or additional hours of AM 680 may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
- Independent studies may only be used to fulfill "General Music Elective" credit requirements and must be approved by the Associate Director for Graduate Music Studies.
- At least 50% of the curriculum must be courses numbered at the 500-level or higher.