Music

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Degree Requirements

Master of Arts in Music (Musicology)

The Master of Arts in musicology requires 36 units of graduate study, including 12 units of music history and bibliography, 6 units of music theory, 18 units of electives, keyboard proficiency, reading knowledge of one foreign language, a written general examination, and a thesis.

PhD in Music (Musicology)

The PhD degree in musicology requires a total of 72 units of graduate study: 33 units of music history and bibliography, 12 units of music theory, 6 units outside music, and 20 units of electives and dissertation research. Also required are keyboard proficiency, reading knowledge of two foreign languages (German and either French, Italian, Latin, or a substitute, according to the student's needs), a written general examination, six to eight semesters of mentored teaching, written and oral qualifying examinations (which occur after the completion of 60 units), the dissertation, and the final oral defense of the dissertation. Students who have completed a master's degree at another institution may receive up to 24 units of transfer credit toward the PhD.

Master of Arts in Music (Music Theory)

The Master of Arts in music theory requires 36 units of graduate study, including 15 units of music theory, 9 units of music history and bibliography, 12 units of electives, keyboard proficiency, reading knowledge of one foreign language, a written general examination, and a thesis.

PhD in Music (Music Theory)

The PhD degree in music theory requires a total of 72 units of graduate study: 30 units of music theory, 15 units of music history and bibliography, 6 units of composition, 6 units outside music, 6 units of qualifying projects, and 9 units of electives or dissertation research. Also required are keyboard proficiency, reading knowledge of two foreign languages (German and either French or Italian; a computer language may be substituted for the second language, according to the student's needs), a written general examination, six to eight semesters of mentored teaching, the dissertation, and the final oral defense of the dissertation. Students who have completed a master's degree at another institution may receive up to 24 units of transfer credit toward the PhD.