

Master of Music—COMPOSITION

Student: _____ Major Professor _____

Composition, 3 credits each, including 664-547 and 664-548 Master's Level Composition. **9 credits total.**

Semester			
Course			
Credits	3	3	3
Grade			

Masters Thesis-Composition (Project), 660-990. **3 credits. SEE NOTES BELOW ALSO.** Semester _____ Grade _____

Historical Musicology, 3 credits each. May include 660-411-416, 419, 511, 513, 911. **6 credits total.**

Semester		
Course		
Credits	3	3
Grade		

Music Theory, 3 credits each. May include 660-621-624, 821-824, 921, 922, 925, 926. **6 credits total.**

Semester		
Course		
Credits	3	3
Grade		

Composition Electives, 3 credits each. Advisor approved. May include 660-523, 928, 929. **10 credits total.**

Semester				
Course				
Credits				
Grade				

Projects: Although ideally, every MM project will look different, there are a few criteria students should keep in mind:

- 1) The project should show a certain level of ambition and rigor, either in the size or scope of the creative work chosen (e.g., a chamber opera, string quartet, or larger ensemble work).**
- 2) Although it may be based on pre-existing text or other materials, the bulk of the project must be original creative work, done by the MM candidate.**
- 3) MM candidates should discuss their projects fully with their Major Professor before starting their projects.**

MM COMPOSITION: TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS: 34

In the final semester of coursework, all Master's candidates take a written Comprehensive Examination in Music History and in the Major Area. Each student

should make an advising appointment with the Director of Graduate Studies; this is required before clearance for Comprehensive Exams.

*Graduate School requires minimum 16 graduate credits at UW-Madison; School of Music programs require 30 graduate credits. Graduate credits are earned in courses numbered 300 or above, not audits or P/F. School of Music can waive up to six credits of course work taken as a graduate student at another institution, with review of curriculum by appropriate faculty and DGS. Details available from Graduate Office.

The Graduate School's minimum credit requirement for graduation can be satisfied only with graduate-level courses taken as a graduate student at UW-Madison. The only exception may be graduate-level course work taken as a CIC Traveling Scholar.

The minimum credit requirement is a degree requirement instituted by the graduate faculty to ensure that a graduate degree represents preparation beyond course requirements. The minimum credit requirement is meant to ensure that, in addition to course work, those who earn graduate degrees have spent sufficient time engaged in their discipline (that is, meeting with professors and peers; participating in research projects and colloquia; using laboratories, clinics, and/or libraries; and generally becoming an active contributor to a research discipline).

Master's degree (except M.F.A.)	16 credits
Ph.D./D.M.A. (must be completed prior to achieving dissertator status)	32 credits

All courses taken as a graduate student that are numbered 300 and above in which you receive a grade of A, AB, B, or S will count toward the Graduate School's minimum credit requirement. Courses with grades of BC or C count only if there are equal credits of AB and A respectively in non-research courses to offset the lower grades. Courses with grades of P ("in progress") fulfill the Graduate School's minimum credit requirement only if they are research courses. Courses taken for audit or pass/fail, under the 300 level, or in which you receive grades of D or F do not count. You must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). If you are a master's degree student and have been absent for five or more years, you lose all degree credits earned before your absence. (This guideline does not apply to doctoral candidates.)

Your department may decide to use previous graduate work from another institution toward fulfillment of department course requirements; however, this work will not appear on a UW-Madison transcript, and it does not count toward the Graduate School's minimum credit requirement.

Please be aware that some departments may require higher credit minimums than the Graduate School's minimum. Contact your department's graduate coordinator for further information.