

MUSIC EDUCATION

Degree Requirements

Master of Music Education (M.M.E.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The Master of Music Education degree provides the opportunity for advanced study in music, music learning and teaching, and teaching as reflective practice. The program requires one to two full-time year(s) of residency at the University Park campus. Fullfillment of degree requirements includes successful completion of 30 credits of course work at the 400, 500, or 800 level that includes a final project designed by the student with the guidance of a faculty member. Twenty credits must be earned at the University Park campus and 18 credits must be at the 500 or 800 level, with at least 6 credits at the 500 level.

Required courses include upper-level (400, 500 or 800 level) course in music theory (2 cr. min.) and music history (3 cr. min.), at least one credit of music elective, one upper-level MUED course (3 cr.) (MUED 545, MUED 556, MUED 557 or MUED 558), one emphasis course (3 cr.) (MUSIC 441W, MUSIC 442W, MUSIC 443W, MUSIC 444W, MUSIC 445W or MUSIC 446W), MUED 860 (3 cr.), one enrichment course (1-5 cr.) (MUED 547, MUED 597*, MUED 559, MUED 895* or MUSIC 460), one research course (2 cr. min.) (MUED 540, MUED 550, MUSIC 500 or CI 501), and one education elective (3 cr. min.) (EDPSY 421, EDPSY 524, SPLED 403A or SPLED 403B, EDUC 806 or EDUC 839, The courses that satisfy the music theory and music history requirements can be chosen from a list of approved courses maintained by the graduate program office. The culminating experience for the degree is a capstone project completed while the student is enrolled in MUED 860.

*MUED 597 and MUED 895 must be approved by the program to fulfill this requirement.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

The Ph.D. in Music Education is designed to provide opportunities for the highest level of scholarly study in the processes of teaching and learning music. Students are expected to develop and test new knowledge in the field of music education while preparing themselves for positions in higher education or other leadership roles within the profession. A qualifying exam, a doctoral dissertation, and comprehensive written and oral examinations are required.