Music History & Literature and Music Theory Entrance Proficiencies

All new students are required to show proficiency in Music History & Literature and Music Theory. The proficiencies may be satisfied in any of the following ways:

- Students may take and pass the graduate entrance exams. Students must take the exams at the beginning of their first semester of enrollment; they may take them for a second time in their second semester. They may not take them again, nor may they take them after their second semester of enrollment. (Note that this includes summer sessions in which students are enrolled. Exams are ordinarily given in the week before classes begin each semester.)

- Students may enroll in and pass the graduate review courses listed below:

  - M541 Music History Review for Graduate Students I—3 cr
  - M542 Music History Review for Graduate Students II—3 cr
  - T508 Written Theory Review for Graduate Students—3 cr
  - T509 Sight Singing Review for Graduate Students—3 cr
  - T511 Aural Theory Review for Graduate Students—3 cr

Students should begin enrolling in review courses from which they are not exempted by examination as soon as possible. The review courses are not offered every semester.

Keyboard Proficiency Examination

All music graduate students must pass a keyboard proficiency examination. This exam is designed to ensure the student’s ability to use the keyboard as a tool within the framework of professional activities, and the requirements vary according to level and area of music study. This exam may be repeated as many times as necessary to show proficiency. The exam is offered at the end of each term. Students may enroll in secondary piano lessons as preparation for the exam. Early music majors may take the exam on harpsichord. For details, see the Chairperson of the Early Music Department.

Foreign Language Grammar Proficiency (Vocalists Only)

Vocalists must show knowledge of French, German, and Italian grammar equivalent to two semesters at the college level in each, and proficiency in diction in each language as demonstrated by examination or by passing a Jacobs School of Music diction course. Students must take all three diction exams in their first semester of enrollment; with Voice department permission, they may take specific exams in a second time in their second semester of enrollment. For any exam not passed, students must pass the appropriate Jacobs School of Music diction course.

Grammar Courses:

- French: FRIT-F 100 and FRIT-F 150 Elementary French I and II (4 cr each) or FRIT-F 151 Accelerated Elementary French (4 cr)
- German: GER-G 100 and GER-G 150 Beginning German I and II (4 cr each) or GER-G 105 Accelerated Elementary German (5 cr)
- Italian: FRIT-M 100 and FRIT-M 150 Elementary Italian I and II (4 cr each) or FRIT-M 115 Accelerated Elementary Italian (4 cr)

If you took a language at another university, and your official transcript includes the title of the course(s), the credit hours, and a letter grade of “C” or higher, then you may be able to have that language waived. See the Music Graduate Office for details by the end of your first semester of enrollment to have your transcript reviewed.

Diction Courses:

- French: Applied French Diction for Singers U233 (1 cr)
- German: Applied German Diction for Singers U243 (1 cr)
- Italian: Applied Italian Diction for Singers U253 (1 cr)

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Qualifying Examinations
Students in a doctoral degree program are not considered candidates for the degree until they have passed the qualifying examinations (styles, major field, first minor field, second minor field [if applicable], and orals). Qualifying examinations are taken after all coursework and proficiencies have been completed.