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; otherwise completion of the degree may be delayed as T508 and M541-M542 serve as prerequisites to the master’s music history and literature requirement. 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 taken through the Jazz Studies department. For details, see the Chairperson of the Jazz Studies department.

**Comprehensive Review**

Prior to graduation, all master's degree students must pass an oral or written examination. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the major field department to ascertain the procedures established within that department. This consultation should be accomplished within the first year of residency.

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**Major Field Requirements (18 Credits)**

- **Literature**
  - M592 Jazz Literature 2: The Bebop Era (3 cr)
  - Select one course from the following:
    - M591 Jazz Literature 1: Pre-Jazz to Bebop (3 cr)
    - M593 Jazz Literature 3: Jazz since Bebop (3 cr)
- **Chamber Music (Jazz Combo)**
  - F550 Chamber Music (1 credit x 3 enrollments)
- **Improvisation**
  - 3 credit hours selected from:
    - O521 Jazz Improvisation I (3 cr)
    - O522 Jazz Improvisation 2 (3 cr)
    - O523 Jazz Improvisation 3 (3 cr)
    - O524 Jazz Improvisation 4 (3 cr)
- **Other Courses**
  - 6 credits selected from the following:
    - E570 Pedagogy of Jazz (2 cr)
    - O512 Jazz Composition (3 cr)
    - M583 Duke Ellington (3 cr)
    - M591 Jazz Literature 1: Pre-Jazz to Bebop (3 cr)
    - M593 Jazz Literature 3: Jazz since Bebop (3 cr)
    - M584 Research in the History and Analysis of Jazz (3 cr)
    - M594 Big Band Jazz (3 cr)
    - O516 Jazz Arranging 1 (2 cr)
    - O517 Jazz Arranging 2 (2 cr)
    - O521 Jazz Improvisation 1 (3 cr)
    - O522 Jazz Improvisation 2 (3 cr)
    - O523 Jazz Improvisation 3 (3 cr)
    - O524 Jazz Improvisation 4 (3 cr)
    - O525 Rhythm Section Literature and Performance (2 cr)
    - O800 Jazz Performance (2 cr)

**Recital**

- 0 credits
  - I711 Master’s Recital (0 cr)

**Ensemble**

- X040 University Instrumental Ensemble (2 credits x each semester of enrollment)

**Music History and Literature Requirement (6 Credits)**

Choose two courses from the following list:

- M525 Survey of Operatic Literature (3 cr)
- M527 Symphonic Literature (3 cr)
- M528 Chamber Music Literature (3 cr)
- M650 Music in the United States (3 cr)
- M651 Medieval Music (3 cr)
- M652 Renaissance Music (3 cr)
- M653 Baroque Music (3 cr)
- M654 Classic Music (3 cr)
- M655 Romantic Music (3 cr)
- M656 Music Since 1900 (3 cr)
- M502 Composers: Variable Topics (3 cr)
- M510 Topics in Music Literature (3 cr)

1) Course topics may not be repeated.

**Outside Area (6 credits)**

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