

Master of Arts in Music (musicology)

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School of Music, Dance and Theatre program of study check sheet and guide

This requires 30 credit hours, a written and oral comprehensive exam, foreign language exam and a thesis. Use this degree check sheet to assist with filing your Plan of Study (required by the university) and to track your progress in your degree.

Required Core (9)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MHL	532	Music Bibliography	3			
MHL	691	Musicology Seminar	3			
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Required Core - Music Theory Electives (5)

One theory course (3 credits) must be an analytical course (MTC prefix). The second theory course (2-3 credits) may be a non-analytical course. MTC 520 Analytical Techniques is recommended, especially if you plan to complete a PhD.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MTC	5**		3			Must be an analytical course
MTC	5**		2			

Electives in Music (5-8)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes	
			5-8			Ethnomusicology (up to 3 hours) or related fields (outside of musicology). Selected in consultation with the committee.	
			0-3			Open electives. Additional ensembles or lessons may count here. You may also take courses elsewhere on campus, as approved by your advisor, but must be at the graduate level to count towards your degree.	

Other Requirement - Performance Ensembles (2)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	5**		1			
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Culminating Experience (6)

A culminating demonstration of professional capability in the major field, the student must submit a final project that demonstrates advanced competence in research and writing in musicology or ethnomusicology. The final project may be a thesis, a series of special papers, or a written work of equivalent scope.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MHL	599	*Thesis	2			
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Academic Advising

Consult with the area coordinator for your faculty advisor assignment and then an assist you with coursework selection. Additionally, the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Office of Academic Affairs will assist you with filing your plan of study and can be reached by contacting Julie Krause (Julie.A.Krause@asu.edu).

Student Handbook

The student handbook should be used in conjunction with this degree check sheet. The current handbook can be found on the student canvas site. Students should also review the [ASU Graduate Policies and Procedures](#) handbook.

Degree Requirements

All work toward a master's degree must be completed within six consecutive years of the semester of entry.

- Complete the diagnostic exams in music theory and musicology before your first semester.
- Take and pass all of the coursework required for your degree and concentration.
- File a Plan of Study (second semester) via the interactive iPOS system located on your My ASU page. You should also have an approved supervisory committee by the end of your third semester. You must take and pass all of the coursework required for your degree
- Complete the Foreign Language Requirement
 - Successfully pass 1 Foreign Language Exam or designated reading course through the [School of International Letters and Cultures](#) (approved by committee).
 - Students who are not proficient in a foreign language should enroll in coursework to prepare for the foreign language requirement. See the handbook for more information
- Successfully pass written and oral comprehensive exams at the end of coursework.
- Successfully complete a thesis document culminating in an oral defense (within the six-year limit).
- Apply for Graduation in final semester.

Graduate Coursework Curriculum Breakdown

Every course taken for a master's degree must have a graduate course number (500+). You will not receive graduate credit for courses at the 400-level or below. You may take courses at the 400-level or below, but the courses will not count toward your degree. When courses are double listed under both 400-level and 500-level numbers, always take the 500-level section. Courses at the 600- or 700-level are usually for doctoral students and require permission from your faculty advisor and the instructor of the course. You may take 600-level courses, but check first with the instructor or your faculty advisor. The MA degree in Music is accredited through the National Association for Schools of Music (NASM) and meets the curricular requirements as indicated below.

Studies in Major Area (15 credit hours)

MHL 532 Music Bibliography (3)

MHL 691 Musicology Seminar (6)

MHL 599 Thesis (6)

Other Studies in Music (15 credit hours)

MTC XXX: Music Theory Electives (5)

MUP XXX: Performance Ensembles (2)

Electives in Musicology or related fields (8)

Proposed Plan of study for two years of coursework

Most students take three years (not including summers) to finish the degree. Here is a typical full-time plan.

Coursework	Priority Tasks
SEMESTER 1	
MHL or MTC course (3) MTC coursework (3) Major coursework (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results from your graduate diagnostic exam in theory and history should be reviewed by faculty advisor Enroll in MHL 532 Bibliography (consult your advisor)
SEMESTER 2	
MHL or MTC course (3) MTC Coursework (3) Major coursework (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete your Plan of Study by the end of the second semester Students on F-1/J-1 visa should discuss the Curriculum Practicum Training option with advisor Plan to complete your Foreign Language requirements
SEMESTER 3	
MHL or MTC course (3) MHL or MTC course (3) Major coursework (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your Plan of Study with your full committee and any course changes by the end of the third semester Complete the Steps to Graduation Workshop
SEMESTER 4	
MHL 599 Thesis (6) Major coursework (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm that you have an approved full committee on your Plan of Study. Apply for graduation through MyASU by October 1 (fall graduation) or February 15 (spring graduation) Register for the master's written comprehensive exam at least 3 weeks prior to the exam date. See the Master's Comprehensive Exams website for exam dates and registration details Submit the result form for your master's comprehensive exam Schedule and complete defense

Thesis Defense Checklist

	PLANNED ATTENDANCE SEMESTER/YEAR		ATTENDED ON
Attend Steps to Graduation Workshop			
Submit Z-Y Spreadsheet	Due Feb. 15 or Oct. 1 during graduation term		COMPLETED ON
Check POS Committee	Committee changes are not permitted after defense scheduled		COMPLETED ON
Defense Date	LAST DAY TO DEFEND See Defenses	YOUR DEFENSE DATE	COMPLETED ON
Chair submits Defense Request Form	DEADLINE 15 working days (3 weeks) before defense	YOUR DUE DATE	COMPLETED ON
Student Schedules Defense on My ASU	DEADLINE 10 working days (2 weeks) before defense	YOUR DUE DATE	COMPLETED ON
Submit Document for Format Approval	DEADLINE 10 working days before defense	YOUR DUE DATE	COMPLETED ON
Submit Final Format Approval Revisions	DEADLINE See Defenses	YOUR DUE DATE	COMPLETED ON
Upload Document to Plan of Study	DEADLINE See Defenses	YOUR DUE DATE	COMPLETED ON