

MM in Performance (conducting)

School of Music, Dance and Theatre

Choral Track

program of study check sheet and guide

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This program requires 32 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam. 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. The degree may be completed in four semesters over the course of two years (fall and spring each year).

Required Core (4 credit hours)

| Prefix | # | Title | Hours Needed | Hours Taken | Semester/Year | Notes |
|--------|-----|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| MUP | 527 | Conducting/Choir | 2 | | | Semester 1 |
| MUP | 527 | Conducting/Choir | 2 | | | Semester 2 |

Concentration - Choral (7 credit hours)

| Prefix | # | Title | Hours Needed | Hours Taken | Semester/Year | Notes |
|--------|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| MUP | 540 | Principles of Integrated Conducting | 2 | | | Semester 1 |
| MUP | 554 | Choral Repertoire | 3 | | | |
| MUP | 596 | Performance with Major Ensembles | 1 | | | Semester 3 |
| MUP | 597 | Performance with Major Ensembles | 1 | | | Semester 4 |

Choral Conducting Track (10 credit hours)

| Prefix | # | Title | Hours Needed | Hours Taken | Semester/Year | Notes |
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| MUP | 527 | Conducting/Choir | 2 | | | Semester 3 |
| MUP | 527 | Conducting/Choir | 2 | | | Semester 4 |
| MUP | 591 | Score Study: Choral | 2 | | | |
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Other Studies in Music (11-12 credit hours) musicology (6) music theory (5-6 credit hours)

You must take four [MHL/MTC course](#) in total. Two courses (3 credits each) must be in musicology or ethnomusicology (MHL prefix).

You must complete at least three of your four [MHL/MTC requirements](#) before you are eligible to take your written comprehensive exam in your final semester of study.

| Prefix | # | Title | Hours Needed | Hours Taken | Semester/Year | Notes |
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| MHL | | | 3 | | | |
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| MTC | | | 3 | | | |
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Electives (0 credits required)

If desired, you may register for electives, though not required for your degree program.

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Your Degree Guide, Timeline and Best Practices

Academic Advising

Your faculty advisor is Dr. Watkins and can 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.

MDT Graduate Student Resource Site

Enroll in the [MDT Graduate Student Resources site](#). The site is where you can find your handbooks, academic forms, and other important information related to your studies.

Student Handbooks

There are student handbooks that you should reference throughout your degree. Your handbooks are meant to help you understand various policies and procedures required for your studies.

- The [Graduate Music Handbook](#) located on the MDT Graduate Student Resources Site.
- The [ASU Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook](#).
- Students with a TA should also review the [TA/RA Policies and Procedures](#) Handbook through the ASU Graduate College

Tips on Selecting Coursework

Each semester, the courses offered in musicology (MHL) and music theory (MTC) are listed on the [MDT Graduate Student Resources site](#). Courses are offered on a rotational basis and are not necessarily offered every semester. The MTC courses are identified as either an analytical or non-analytical course.

Degree Requirements

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

- Take and pass all of the coursework required for your degree and concentration.
- File a Plan of Study (mid-point of your studies, by the end of the second semester of coursework) via the interactive iPOS system located on your My ASU page. You should also have an approved supervisory committee.
- Successfully pass the Keyboard and Musicianship Exam by the end of the third semester.
- Successfully give two conducting recitals as approved by your committee.
- Successfully pass the written exam during the your final semester of study.

Graduate Coursework

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. Arizona State University is accredited through the National Association for Schools of Music (NASM) and the MM in Music with a concentration in conducting meets the NASM curricular standards and guidelines as indicated below.

Studies in Major Area (21 credit hours)

MUP 527 Conducting Choral (two credits per semester for four semesters)(8)

MUP 540 Principles of Integrated Conducting (2)

MUP 554 Choral Repertoire (3)

MUP 591 Score Study: Choral (two credits per semester for three semesters) (6)

MUP 596 Performance with Major Ensembles (1)

MUP 597 Performance with Major Ensembles (1)

Other Studies in Music (11-12 credit hours)

You must take four [MHL/MTC course](#) in total. Two courses (3 credits each) must be in musicology or ethnomusicology (MHL prefix). One course (3 credits) must be an analytical course in music theory (MTC prefix). The fourth course (2-3 credits) is also in music theory but may be a non-analytical course. If you plan to complete a doctoral degree at some point, you may wish to fulfill one of your musicology course requirements with MHL 532 Bibliography. You must complete at least three of your four [MHL/MTC requirements](#) before you are eligible to take your written comprehensive exam in your final semester of study.

Electives (0 credit hours)

These courses should be at least 500 or above and should be placed in the "open courses" section of your plan of study.

You should work with your faculty advisor in determining coursework for this area.

Sample Plan of Study

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

| Coursework (# of credit hours) | Priority Tasks |
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| SEMESTER 1 (FALL) | |
| MUP 527 Conducting/Choir (2) MUP 540 Principles of Integrated Conducting (2) MUP 591 Score Study: Choral (2) MHL 532 Music Bibliography (3) Total = 9 credit hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results from your graduate diagnostic exam in theory and musicology should be reviewed by your faculty advisor. • Check your ASU ID Sun Card for access to the practice rooms. • Students on F-1/J-1 visa should discuss Curriculum Practicum Training option with advisors in the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Office of Academic Affairs. • Plan your recitals with your faculty advisor. • Join a student group, chamber ensemble, etc. • If planning to do a DMA, consider taking MHL 532 Bibliography (required for a DMA degree) |
| SEMESTER 2 (SPRING) | |
| MUP 527 Conducting/Choir (2) MUP 591 Score Study: Choral (2) MTC Elective Course (3) Minimum Total = 7 credit hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your staff advisor in the MDT Office of Academic Affairs to fill out your plan of study. • Consult your faculty advisor on when you should register for your emphasis coursework. • Students on an F1/J1 visa should register for at least 9 credit hours this semester. • Students on federal aid should register for at least 9 credit hours this semester to be considered full-time. |
| SEMESTER 3 (FALL) | |
| MUP 527 Conducting/Choir (2) MUP 554 Choral Repertoire (3) MUP 596 Performance with Major Ensembles (1) MHL Elective Course (3) Total = 9 credit hours | <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. |
| SEMESTER 4 (SPRING) | |
| MUP 527 Conducting/Choir (2) MUP 591 Score Study: Choral (2) MUP 597 Performance with Major Ensembles (1) MTC Elective Course (3) Minimum Total = 8 credit hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that you have an approved plan of study and complete committee on file before the graduation deadline. • Apply for graduation through MyASU. • 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. • RSVP to graduation ceremonies through your MyASU. • Order graduation regalia. • Ask your committee chair to hood you at the ceremony. • Students on an F1/J1 visa should register for at least 9 credit hours this semester. • Students on federal aid should register for at least 9 credit hours this semester to be considered full-time. |