

PhD in Music (Music Learning and Teaching)

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

A total of 90 credit hours, a portfolio, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation are required for the degree program. Students with a completed master's degree from an accredited institution recognized by the ASU Graduate College may be approved for up to 30 blanket hours toward the PhD (depending on master's coursework), leaving 60 credit hours of coursework to complete. Shaded sections of the check sheet represent possible blanket credit hours from a master's degree. Doctoral coursework may not be cross-listed with undergraduate-level courses.

PhD Required Core (10 credit hours)

Course substitutions for MTC 520 may be possible but should be in consultation with your faculty advisor. A petition is required and can be initiated through the MDT Office of Academic Affairs.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MSI	601	Topic: Music Education	2			Fall Semester 1
MSI	602	Current Issues in Music Research	2			Spring Semester 2
MSI	755	Historical Research in Music	3			In rotation - check catalog
MTC	520	Analytical Techniques	3			Required in PhD if not taken in MM

Music Learning and Teaching Concentration (30 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUE	548	Introduction to Research in Music Ed	3			Offered in fall semesters
MUE	549	Foundations of Music Education	3			
MUE	550	Studies in Music Curricula	3			
MUE	579	Psychology of Music	3			
MUE	598	Social and Cultural Studies in Music Ed	3			
MUE	754	Teacher Education Research and Policy	3			In rotation - check catalog
MUE	756	Qualitative Research in Music Ed	3			In rotation - check catalog
MUE	XXX		3			Selected in consultation with faculty advisor.
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Electives (29 credit hours)

At least two courses outside of music are recommended. Electives should be selected in consultation with your faculty advisor. May include MUE 791 Seminar after MSI 601 and 602 are completed.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUE	791		1			Fall semester (second year)
MUE	791		1			Spring semester (second year)
MHL			3			recommend in first year
MTC			3			recommend in first year
			3			Electives selected in consultation with your faculty advisor.
			3			

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MHL			3			
MHL			3			
MTC			3			
			3			
			3			

Other Requirements (Internship - 3 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUE	784		3			Over two semesters.
MUE	784					

Research (6 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUE	757	Quantitative Research in Music Ed	3			In rotation - check catalog
MUE	792	Research	3			Can be taken in any combination over multiple semesters

Culminating Experience (12 Credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUE	799	Dissertation	12			Can be taken in any combination over multiple semesters
MUE	799	Dissertation				
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Your PhD Check Sheet Guide

Academic Advising

The Music Learning and Teaching faculty will serve on your committee and can assist you with coursework selection. Additionally, the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Office of Academic Affairs can 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 which is located on the MDT
- 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.

Planning your Coursework

- MSI 601 and MSI 602 should be completed in your first years (first fall semester and first spring semester).
- MUE 791 Seminar is 1 credit and should be taken in the second year of coursework for two semesters.
- MSI 755, MUE 754, MUE 756 and MUE 757 are offered on a two-year rotation and should be taken when they are offered next.

- MUE 792 Research is independent research with supervision from a faculty member and can be taken any time during the degree.
- Six credits of MHL and MTC coursework is required and strongly recommended that these courses are taken in the first year of study.
- Nine credits of open electives are required and students may wish to use these credit hours to complete a certificate in another area. Courses in this area can be in music or other areas across campus that support your research interests.
- Internship: This is a teaching experience with a faculty member in an undergraduate Music Learning and Teaching course. Most students choose to complete two internship experiences. These experiences can be for one or two credits and can be completed at any time during coursework.

Sample of Quantitative Courses that are Non-Music:

CDE 501 Statistics	EDP 552 Analysis of Variance Methods
COE 501 Introduction to Research and Evaluation in Education	LSE 542 Research Methods in the Learning Sciences
COE 502 Introduction to Data Analytics	SPE 525 Measurement, Data Display, Interpretation, and Experimental Design
TEL 511 Research and Evaluation in Education	TEL 701 Quantitative Methods in Action Research

Degree Requirements and Timeline

All work towards a doctoral degree must be completed within ten consecutive years from the semester of entry. There are several milestones you need to complete prior to graduating:

Task/Milestone	Timeline
Diagnostic Exams	Before first semester (Jun. 15 for fall admission).
File Program of Study	By the end of the third semester.
Finalize your committee	By the end of your coursework. Your committee should be listed on your plan of study.
Prepare your PhD Portfolio	Consult your faculty advisor regarding timeline.
Oral Comprehensive Exam	Schedule after the portfolio is complete. Exam must be approved by the committee.
Dissertation Proposal Defense	Complete no later than one semester before your defense date and could be many semesters before the defense semester.
Dissertation Defense	Graduation semester.

Curriculum Breakdown

Coursework is divided into three categories: Studies in Major Area, Other Studies in Music and Electives. You are allowed 30 “blanket” hours from your master’s degree to count towards the 90 credit degree requirement. Areas shaded in gray are suggested credits from your master’s degree. Arizona State University is accredited through the National Association for Schools of Music (NASM) and the PhD in Music with a concentration in music learning and teaching meets the NASM curricular standards and guidelines as indicated below.

Studies in Major Area (58 credits)

Music Education (24)

- MUE 548 Introduction to Research in Music Ed (3)
- MUE 549 Foundations of Music Education (3)
- MUE 550 Studies in Music Curricula (3)
- MUE 579 Psychology of Music (3)
- MUE 598 Social and Cultural Studies in Music Ed (3)
- MUE XXX Electives (9 credits over three courses)

PhD Core (16)

- MSI 601 Contemporary Topics in Music Research (2)
- MSI 602 Current Issues in Music Research (2)
- MUE 754 Teacher Education Research and Policy (3)

MSI 755 Historical Research in Music (3)
 MUE 756 Qualitative Research (3)
 MUE 757 Quantitative Research (3)

Internship (3)

MUE 784 Internship (3 credit hours over two experiences)

Research and Dissertation (15)

MUE 792 Research (3)
 MUE 799 Dissertation (12)

Other Studies in Music (18 credits)

MHL XXX Musicology electives (9) - At least one class must be taken after admission to the PhD program.

MTC 520: Analytical Techniques or appropriate substitution (3).

MTC XXX Music Theory electives (6) - At least one course must be taken after admission to the PhD program.

Electives (14 credits)

The elective/concentration area of the check sheet allows you to customize the degree to meet your specific career interests and needs. Electives are selected in consultation with faculty. At least two courses outside of music are recommended. 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. This may include MUE 791 Seminar coursework.

Sample Plan of Study

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

X = course chosen with faculty consultation

Coursework	Priority Tasks
SEMESTER 1	
MSI 601 MUE 784 MUE XXX MHL XXX X X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTC 520 Analytical Techniques is only offered in fall semesters. Results from your graduate diagnostic exam in theory and musicology should be reviewed by faculty advisor. Students on F-1/J-1 visa should discuss Curricular Practicum Training option with advisor and Julie Krause in the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Office of Academic Affairs. Consider what electives might interest you both in the school and in other academic units. Join a student group, chamber ensemble, etc.
SEMESTER 2	
MSI 602 MUE 784 MUE XXX MHI/MTC (3) X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete your plan of study by the end of the semester.
SEMESTER 3	
MUE 791 X X X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin process to identify a research topic with faculty advisor. Meet with the staff advisor in the MDT Office of Academic Affairs to fill out your plan of study.

SEMESTER 4	
MUE XXX X X X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update any course changes on your Plan of Study by the end of the fourth semester.
SEMESTER 5	
MUE XXX MUE XXX X X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Research/Dissertation prospectus to the Office of Academic Affairs by end of semester. Complete comprehensive exam/portfolio.
SEMESTER 6	
MUE XXX X X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review graduation deadlines on the MDT Graduate Student Resources site in Canvas. Confirm that you have an approved Plan of Study and complete committee on file before the graduation deadline. Schedule and complete defense Committee Chair schedules Defense Apply for graduation through MyASU by October 1 (fall graduation) or February 15 (spring graduation). RSVP to Graduation ceremonies through your My ASU. Order Graduation regalia. Ask your committee chair to hood you at the ceremony.