

MM in Performance (conducting)

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

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.

Required Core (4 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	527	Studio Instruction	2			Recommended for semester 1
MUP	527	Studio Instruction	2			Recommended for semester 2

Concentration (7 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	551	Music Theatre or Opera Repertoire	2			
MUP	571	Advanced Music Theatre I	1			Taken during semester 3
MUP	571	Advanced Music Theatre II	1			Taken during semester 4
MUP	573	Music Theatre: Performance	1			Performance on stage in one production
MUP	596	Opera/Music Theatre Performance and Production	1			PERFORMED ON
MUP	597	Opera/Music Theatre Performance and Production	1			PERFORMED ON

Music Theatre Direction Track (10 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	574	Technical Production I (Foundations)	1			
MUP	574	Technical Production II (Practicum)	1			Serve on crew for one production
MUP	591	Opera/Music Theatre Conducting	2			
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Other Studies in Music (11-12 credit hours) musicology (6) music theory (5-6)

You must take four [MHL/MTC courses](#) 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
MHL			3			
MHL			3			
MTC			3			
MTC			2-3			

Electives (0 credit hours)

The elective area of the check sheet allows you to customize the degree to meet your specific career interests and needs. Additional ensembles or lessons may count here. You may also take courses elsewhere on campus, as approved by your advisor, but are not required for your degree program.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes

Your Degree Guide, Timeline and Best Practices

Academic Advising

Professor Brian DeMaris will serve as your faculty advisor 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 (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.
- Successfully give two conducting recitals as approved by your committee.
- Successfully pass written exam during the final semester of study.
- Apply for Graduation in 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 Studio Instruction (4 credits, two credits per semester for 2 semesters)

MUP 551 Music Theatre or Opera Repertoire (2 credits–Music Theatre in spring semesters, Opera in fall semesters)

MUP 571 Advanced Music Theatre 1 & 2 (2 credits, one credit per semester for 2 semesters)

MUP 573 Music Theatre Performance (1 credit)

MUP 574 Technical Production I & II (2 credits, one credit per semester for 2 semesters)

MUP 591 Conducting Seminar (8 credits, two credits per semester for 4 semesters)

MUP 596 Performance (1 credit)

MUP 597 Performance (1 credit, taken after MUP 596)

Other Studies in Music (11-12 credits)

MHL Elective (6)

MTC Elective (5-6)

Electives (0 credit)

Coursework to allow students to customize the degree to meet specific career interests and needs

Sample Plan of study for two years of coursework

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
SEMESTER 1 (FALL)	
MUP 527 Studio Instruction (2) MUP 591 Opera/Music Theatre Conducting (2) MHL or MTC course (3) MUP 574 Teechnical Production (1)	<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 Curricular Practicum Training option with the staff advisor 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. If wishing to do a DMA, consider taking MHL 532 Bibliography (required for a DMA degree)
SEMESTER 2 (SPRING)	
MUP 527 Studio Instruction (2) MHL or MTC course (3) MUP 591 Opera/Music Theatre Conducting (2) Music Theatre Direction Coursework (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with the staff advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs to fill out your Plan of Study and ensure that you are on track to degree completion.
SEMESTER 3 (FALL)	
MUP 596 Opera/Music Theatre Performance (1) MUP 571 Advanced Music Theatre I (1) MUP 591 Opera/Music Theatre Conducting (2) MHL or MTC course (3) MUP 574 Technical Production II (1)	<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 (SPRING)	
MUP 597 Opera/Music Theatre Performance (1) MUP 591 Opera/Music Theatre Conducting (2) MUP 571 Advanced Music Theatre II (1) MHL or MTC course (3)	<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.