



The MM in Music Education is a 33 credit program of study. The program is designed for music teachers desiring a masters of music degree and others interested in studying music education at the graduate level. The degree can be completed in as few as 3-4 summers, but must be completed within 7 years of matriculation. This course of study is a “summer only” master’s degree. ***This program does not lead to PDE certification.*** The curriculum consists of:

- 12 credits of foundational coursework
- 15 credits of elective coursework
- 6 credits of capstone project/thesis coursework and thesis submission

Foundational Courses: 12 Credits

Foundational courses provide the intellectual basis for music education as a professional praxis. Studying music and music education through the perspective of the history of American music education, the sociological foundations of music in American education, and 21st century curriculum instruction and assessment strategies provide a scholarly core of study to deepen knowledge and understandings for currently certified music educators. Technology integration is the fourth foundational area of focus to meet the demands of teaching and learning with 21st century educational tools and resources.

Elective Coursework: 15 Credits

Elective coursework allows students to pursue domains of learning in correlation to their educational needs and interests. The elective courses encourage customization of the degree through the optimization of learning experiences for students enrolled in the degree program. These courses are rooted in application-based learning environments in pedagogical and methodological studies in all genre of music education and production. Two semester of applied lessons may also be taken as a component of the elective content, with advisor approval.

Graduate Capstone Project/Thesis: 6 Credits

The Graduate Capstone Project/Thesis is the culmination of learning and professional growth established as an outcome of the MM in Music Education degree program. It demonstrates mastery of the course of study through a well-designed and developed capstone project/thesis. The student’s synthesis of knowledge and skills will be exemplified through an original, creative and thoughtful capstone project and submission of a written thesis. MMED 790 (3 credits) is a week-long course which prepares candidates for the capstone project/thesis experience, and equips students with the tools and knowledge to study and write a scholarly and research-based paper, addressing their topic of choice. MMED 795 (3 credits) is the final course of the MM in MUED degree program. This course is the capstone project/thesis submission course, registered for during the semester that a student completes and submits their thesis.

Foundational Courses: 12 Credits

MMED 602 Sociological Foundations of Music Education (3)
MMED 603 Curriculum and Assessment in Music Education (3)
MMED 605 Integration of Technology in Music Education (3)
MMED 606 Historical/Philosophical Foundations of Music Education (3)

Elective Courses: 15 Credits

**Listed below are elective content topics, which represent the various types of elective courses offered annually. Courses are subject to change from summer to summer.*

Concert Band	Drum Set	Orff Certification, Levels 1, 2, 3
Jazz Band	Guitar	Orff Supplemental Coursework
Vocal/Choral	Songwriting	Instrument Repair, Band and Strings
Music Technology	General Music	Strings and Orchestra
Music Production	Alternative Ensembles	Conducting, Instrumental and Choral

Graduate Capstone Project/Thesis: 6 Credits

MMED 790 Thesis/Project Development: Music Education (3)
MMED 791 Thesis: Music Education (3)
MMED 795 Project: Music Education (3)

Please note that students choose between a traditional thesis (MMED 791) and a Capstone Project/Thesis (MMED 795) as their final course.

Transfer Credits

Students who matriculate in the MM in MUED degree program may transfer up to 6 credits of graduate work completed previously toward the degree. These credits must have been completed within 6 years of application to the degree program and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis as an equivalent of an applicable elective credit.

Students who have completed individual courses through the Summer Music Studies Program may apply as many as 6 credits of previously completed SMS courses toward the elective component of the degree program, provided that courses were completed no earlier than five years before matriculation into the MM in MUED degree program.

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