## **Jacobs School of Music Indiana University**

# Requirements for: Doctor of Music **Composition**

For students entering the D.M. program in the Jacobs School of Music: Fall 2009 through **Summer 2011** 

Credit Hours and Grade Average Required: Minimum Credit Hours.....60

Minimum Graduate GPA......3.0

Credits earned in graduate theory and history & literature review courses, major ensemble, language proficiencies, or tool subjects are not applied to the minimum required hours for graduation.

Current students may obtain an up-to-date degree audit using OneStart, http://onestart.iu.edu

This sheet is for use as an aid in understanding degree requirements. In questions of official policy the Jacobs School of Music Bulletin and official notices supersede this document. Please consult the bulletin for additional details regarding general regulations and policies for graduate music students.

## Music History & Literature and Music Theory Entrance Proficiencies

All new students are required to show proficiency in Music History & Literature and Music Theory. The proficiencies may be satisfied in any of the following ways:

Students may take and pass the graduate entrance exams. Students must take the exams at the beginning of their first semester of enrollment; they may take them for a second time in their second semester. They may not take them again, nor may they take them after their second semester of enrollment. (Note that this includes summer sessions in which students are enrolled. Exams are ordinarily given in the week before classes begin each semester.)

Students may enroll in and pass the graduate review courses listed below:

M541 Music History Review for Graduate Students I—3 cr

M542 Music History Review for Graduate Students II—3 cr

T508 Written Theory Review for Graduate Students—3 cr

T509 Sight Singing Review for Graduate Students—3 cr

T511 Aural Theory Review for Graduate Students—3 cr

Students should begin enrolling in review courses from which they are not exempted by examination as soon as possible. The review courses are not offered every semester

NOTE: Students in a doctoral program must complete all review courses within the first five semesters of enrollment.

The DM in Composition requires a High Pass in T508 and T511.

#### **Keyboard Proficiency Examination**

All music graduate students must pass a keyboard proficiency examination. This exam is designed to ensure the student's ability to use the keyboard as a tool within the framework of professional activities, and the requirements vary according to level and area of music study. This exam may be repeated as many times as necessary to show proficiency. The exam is offered at the end of each term. Students may enroll in secondary piano lessons as preparation for the exam.

## Performance Proficiency

Demonstrate a minimum level of music performance ability equivalent to the end of the fourth year for concentration undergraduate students in that area. Proficiency may be demonstrated in any of three ways: (1) in person before a faculty auditioning committee, one voting member of which shall be a faculty member in the student's major area; (2) by completion of performance study as a graduate minor; or (3) by two semesters of performance study as a graduate elective. The grade in each semester of performance study must be B or better.

## **Styles Examination**

All Doctoral students must take the Styles exam in their first spring semester of enrollment. Students who pass the exam meet the requirement. Students who do not pass the exam may retake the exam once with permission of the director of graduate studies, if their score is within a range recommended by the Doctoral Styles Committee. Students who do not pass the exam must earn a grade of B or higher in T545 Introductory Analysis of Music Literature. This course may fall anywhere in the student's curriculum. This requirement must be completed before a student may begin qualifying examinations.

### **Major Field Requirements (36 Credits)**

Composition		18 credits
	K910	Composition for Graduate Majors
		(3-8 credits per enrollment)
	I500	Performance and Composition
		Masterclass (0 cr—concurrent with
		enrollment in K910, if applicable)
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Recital 1 credit K701

Doctoral Composition Chamber Recital

Documents1 0 credits K702 Doctoral Composition Document I (0 cr) Doctoral Composition Document II (0 cr)

Music Electives 9 credits

9 cr. in conducting, composition, electronic music, or other area approved by the department; must include a graduate-level course in conducting (new music, orchestral, choral, or wind) unless one has been taken previously; may include additional dissertation credits.

Dissertation 8 credits

> K700 Dissertation in Composition (var. credit—8 credits total)

<sup>1</sup>K702 (movement of chamber music written during a week-long examination period) and K703 (setting of a given text during a 24-hour period) should be completed within two semesters of first registration.

#### Minor Field Requirements (2 minors x 12 credits each)

The Doctor of Music degree requires the first minor field to be selected from Music Education, Music History & Literature, or Music Theory. The second minor field may be a second formal minor or an individualized minor. The guided electives option is not available to composition majors.

Tool Subjects		
Music Theory <sup>1</sup>		6 credits
	T551	Introduction to Analytical Techniques (3
	T556	cr) Analysis of Music Since 1900 (3 cr)

<sup>1</sup>The theory tool subject courses will not be included in the total credit hours required for the major, but may count toward a minor in music theory.

#### **Qualifying Examinations**

Students in a doctoral degree program are not considered candidates for the degree until they have passed the qualifying examinations (styles, major field, first minor field, second minor field [if applicable], and orals). Qualifying examinations are taken after all coursework and proficiencies have been completed.

Student's Responsibility: Students have a threefold responsibility: 1) to know and satisfy the graduation requirements stated in the Jacobs School of Music Bulletin; 2) to know their academic standing based on the academic standards stated in the JSoM Bulletin; and 3) to know and observe all regulations and academic calendar deadlines as stated in the Schedule of Classes, the JSoM Bulletin, and the student handbooks. Faculty and staff advisors assist students in planning a program of study to meet degree requirements, but students are responsible for meeting all requirements for their respective degrees and all announced deadlines.