

# Requirements for: *Doctor of Music* Organ and Sacred Music

For students entering the D.M. program in the Jacobs School of Music: <b>Fall 2025 and later</b>	<b>Credit Hours and Grade Average Required:</b> Minimum Credit Hours.....60 Minimum Graduate GPA.....3.0 <b>Credits earned in graduate theory and history &amp; literature review courses, major ensemble, language proficiencies, or tool subjects are <u>not</u> applied to the minimum required hours for graduation.</b>	Current students may obtain an up-to-date advisement report at <a href="http://one.iu.edu">http://one.iu.edu</a> – search “Advisement Report”
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**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:

**M501 Proseminar in Music History (3 cr)**  
**T508 Written Theory Review for Graduate Students (3 cr)**  
**T509 Sight Singing Review for Graduate Students (1 cr)**  
**T511 Aural Theory Review for Graduate Students (1 cr)**

Students should begin enrolling in review courses from which they are not exempted by examination as soon as possible; otherwise completion of the degree may be delayed as T508 and M501 serve as prerequisites to the master’s music history and literature requirement. *The review courses are not offered every semester.*

## Keyboard Proficiency Examination

Completed by exam or passing grades in C511 Service Playing I (2 cr) and C512 Service Playing II (2 cr). Students seeking to satisfy these requirements by exam must do so before or within their first semester of enrollment

## Diversity Performance Requirement

To fulfill program requirements, performance majors must include performances of works by composers that reflect diversity of gender, race, ethnicity or other historically excluded groups. During each degree, students must perform a work identified as meeting this requirement. The most straightforward way for students to meet this requirement is to include diverse programming in degree recital repertoire. However, any performance certified by the student’s teacher chair will meet this requirement. Responsibility for assessing the suitability of repertoire to meet this requirement rests with the student’s teacher, who will provide evidence of successful performance to the music graduate office.

## Tool Subject

**Bibliography** **2 credits**  
M539 Introduction to Music Bibliography (2 cr)

## Qualifying Examinations

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

## Major Field Requirements (36 Credits)

### Applied Lessons **12 credits**

Q900 Organ Graduate Major (3-8 credits per enrollment)  
I500 Studio Masterclass (0 cr—concurrent with enrollment in Q900)  
I501 Sacred Music Colloquium (0 cr), every semester

### Foundation Courses\* **10 credits**

M607 Survey of Organ Literature I (3 cr)  
M608 Survey of Organ Literature II (3 cr)  
C511 Service Playing I (2 cr)  
C512 Service Playing II (2 cr)

*\*Foundation courses may be validated by exam or previously taken coursework at IU, and credits replaced from the list of other courses below. Students seeking to replace foundation courses by exam must do so before or within their first semester of enrollment*

### Other courses: 7 credits selected from: **7 credits**

C500 Independent Study in Sacred Music Practices (1-3 cr.)  
C524 Organ Improvisation (2 cr. – repeatable)  
C630 The History and Practice of Sacred Music (2 cr)  
E521 The Children’s Chorus (3 cr)  
E594 Voice Pedagogy (3 cr.)  
E589 Organ Pedagogy (2 cr)  
E590 Organ Pedagogy Practicum (1 cr)  
F532 Graduate Score Reading (1 cr.)  
G560 Graduate Choral Conducting (3 cr)  
G538 Choral Rehearsal Techniques (2 cr)  
M640 Selected Topic in Organ Repertoire and Performance Practice (2 cr. – repeatable)

### Recitals\* **4 credits**

Q601 Doctoral Organ Recital (1 credit x 3 recitals)  
Q608 Doctoral Organ/Choir Practicum (1 cr)

### Final Project **3 credits**

M620 Doctoral Final Project (var. credit—3 credits total)

*\*At least 15 minutes of each recital must be performed from memory.*

## Minor Field Requirement (12 credits)

The Doctor of Music degree requires the first minor field to be selected from Music Education, Music History & Literature, or Music Theory.

## Other Required Credits (12 credits)

12 credit hours, inside or outside the Jacobs School of Music. Courses must be at 500 level or higher, except that up to 6 credit hours outside the JSOM may be at the 300 or 400 levels, with the approval of the director of graduate studies. Performance lessons must be at 800 or 900 level. Credits may not be used for MUS-X courses, recitals, or proficiency courses. Credits may be used for courses meeting Tool Subject requirements if the courses are at the 500 level or higher. Credits may be used for capstone courses (e.g., dissertation, document). If all credits are taken in a single field outside the student’s department, a formal minor must be declared. This requires the approval of the offering department. A maximum of 9 credits may be taken in a single department unless a minor is declared.

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