

Registration options after doctoral coursework is completed (before candidacy)

1. MUS-X 601 Doctoral Qualifying Exams. This one-credit course carries no tuition (because it is in the X category, like ensemble). It has been coded as representing full-time enrollment, which normally makes students eligible for deferral of student loans when they enroll in MUS-X 601. Enrollment in MUS-X 601 will be limited to a maximum of two semesters. The course will be graded on a deferred (R) basis, with a grade of Satisfactory (S) recorded once the student passes the last qualifying exam.

Students can enroll in MUS-X 601 only once all doctoral coursework (except for final project/dissertation/piano essay credits) is completed. They are not eligible to enroll in MUS-X 601 if any language requirements or proficiency requirements are still incomplete. They cannot enroll in MUS-X 601 once they are a doctoral candidate.

Students enrolled in MUS-X 601 will not be charged the JSOM program fee. They will be charged the mandatory fees for a 1 credit course.

International Students: MUS-X 601 is not a CPT-eligible course for international students. It does meet the enrollment requirements for international student status.

2. Students may enroll in one or more final document credits (doctoral final project, doctoral piano essay, dissertation) and pay the normal tuition for those credits. Students enrolled in document credits are already normally considered to be full-time students for purposes of student loan deferral and international student status. Document courses are graded on a deferred (R) basis, with a final grade assigned upon final submission of the document.

Students who are done with all doctoral coursework except for final document credits, and who enroll in final document credits while taking or preparing for qualifying exams, will not be charged the JSOM program fee. They will be charged the mandatory fees.

International Students: document credits are potentially eligible for CPT if the job is “materially and substantially” contributing to the final project/dissertation/piano essay research. This option *does* fulfill the enrollment requirements for international student status

3. Enroll in any course of 1 or more credits. Students can choose to enroll in any course or courses. It is likely that the course choices will not qualify as full-time (if full-time enrollment is necessary). Students will be charged the JSOM program fee. They will be charged the mandatory fees.

International Students: this option will not work for you since you are required to be full-time in every semester other than your final semester of coursework.

4. Don't enroll in anything. This is an option for domestic students only. There is no enrollment requirement for domestic students while they are taking qualifying exams. However, with no enrollment there is limited access to the library and some student services (especially online resources).

Registration options after candidacy (once the oral exam is passed)

After admission to candidacy, students must enroll full-time each fall and spring semester until graduation. Students must enroll in coursework, dissertation, piano essay, or final project credit, or MUS-G 901 Advanced Research in order to maintain their candidacy. Candidates who will graduate in August must enroll in the preceding summer session.

Students are not required to enroll in the semester they pass their oral exam unless they plan to graduate in that semester.

MUS-G 901 Advanced Research costs approximately \$150 each semester. Note that students must have completed all qualifying examinations and reached candidacy BEFORE they are eligible to enroll in MUS-G 901. MUS-G 901 is offered in the summer only for students who will graduate in that summer. PhD students are required to enroll in all required dissertation credits before they are eligible to enroll in MUS-G 901. DM and DME students are strongly recommended to register in all required final project/dissertation/piano essay and/or recital credits prior to enrolling in MUS-G 901 since those credit hours are required for graduation. MUS-G 901 does not fulfill any degree requirements or replace any other credit hours in the degree requirements. MUS-G 901 is 6 credits.

MUS-G 901 is **LIMITED TO SIX ENROLLMENTS**. After six semesters, students must enroll in 1 final project/dissertation/piano essay credit each semester to maintain candidacy (or 1 credit of some course – final project/dissertation/piano essay credits are the most common choice, but they are not the only option).

Candidacy is valid for a maximum of **7 years** from the date on which the student passes the oral qualifying exam. Students must complete all degree requirements and graduate within 7 years of that oral qualifying exam date.

Summer registration is not required for DM or DME students unless they plan to graduate in August. Summer registration is also not required for Ph.D. students unless they plan to graduate in June, July or August (through the University Graduate School). If you must graduate in the summer, you need to enroll in coursework or a dissertation, piano essay, or final project credit during that summer session. MUS-G 901 is also available for students who still have any MUS-G 901 enrollments left.