

Typical Timetable for DM Degree in Composition

The table below shows the primary requirements for the Doctor of Music degree in composition, including the time in the program when they are typically completed.

	Proficiencies and Tool Subjects	Coursework	Documents and Recital	Examinations	Dissertation		
Year 1 Fall	As soon as possible complete (1) keyboard proficiency, (2) performance proficiency (some programs), (3) review courses (if necessary) and (4) tool subjects. Must be completed before starting qualifying exams.	Complete graduate review courses and courses required for major and minors. (Typically takes 6 semesters, but 4-5 possible with aggressive scheduling.)	Complete K702 and K703 Doctoral Composition Documents.	Take Graduate Entrance Exams. Have Advisory Committee appointed.		Year 1 Fall	
Spring				Retake Graduate Entrance Exams (opt.).		Spring	
Year 2 Fall							Year 2 Fall
Spring							Spring
Year 3 Fall			K701 Chamber Recital typically in 3 rd year.		Write topic proposal, have approved by proposed Research Committee (required before oral qualifying exam may be scheduled). Research Committee appointed upon approval of topic proposal. Write dissertation.	Year 3 Fall	
Spring				Pre-exam appointment with Director of Graduate Studies, preferably early in final semester of coursework. Oral Exam Repertoire List (submit to Advisory Committee chair and ask chair to forward, with approval, to Music Graduate Office). Minor field written qualifying exam(s). You may take a written qualifying exam if: [1] proficiencies and tool subjects are complete, [2] courses in the field to be examined are complete, and [3] in or after last semester of classes overall. First exam must be taken within 7 years of matriculation. Oral qualifying exam (must be passed within one year of date first written exam is passed).	Submit two review copies to Music Graduate Office with Research Director approval (by Nov. 1 for December graduation, Thursday after Spring Break for May graduation). Research Committee review. Apply for graduation. Submit required copies (including required revisions) to Music Graduate Office. Must be complete within seven years of date of oral exam.	Spring	
Year 4 Fall						Year 4 Fall	
Spring						Spring	
Year 5...						Year 5...	