

Typical Timetable for DM in Piano

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

	Proficiencies and Tool Subjects	Coursework	Recitals	Examinations	Doctoral Piano Essay	
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 (M539). Must be completed before starting qualifying exams.	Complete graduate review courses and courses required for major, minors, and tool subjects. (Typically takes 6 semesters, but 5 possible with aggressive scheduling.)	Complete at least the minimum number of recitals (4) prior to application to begin qualifying exams	Take Graduate Entrance Exams. Have Advisory Committee appointed before first recital.	Be on lookout for possible topics.	Year 1 Fall
Spring				Retake Graduate Entrance Exams (opt.).		Spring
Year 2 Fall				Year 2 Fall		
Spring					Spring	
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 and major 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).	Spring	
Year 4 Fall			Complete any remaining recitals.		Write Piano Essay. Submit to Music Graduate Office with Research Director approval. Research Committee review (up to 6 weeks). Apply for graduation. Submit required copies (including required revisions) to Music Graduate Office. Must be complete within 7 years of date of oral exam.	Year 4 Fall
Spring						Spring
Year 5...						Year 5...