

Typical Timetable for PhD and DME in Music Education

The table below shows the primary requirements for the PhD and DME degrees in music education, including the time in the program when they are typically completed.

| | Proficiencies, Tool Subjects | Coursework | Public Lecture | Examinations | Dissertation | | |
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| Year 1 Fall | As soon as possible, complete keyboard proficiency, performance proficiency, and review courses (if necessary). Must be completed before starting qualifying exams. | Complete graduate review courses, courses required for major and minors. MUS-E 658 is normally taken in 3rd year of coursework. (Typically takes 6 semesters, but 5 possible with aggressive scheduling.) | | Take Graduate Entrance Exams | Be on lookout for possible topics. | Year 1 Fall | |
| Spring | | | | Retake Graduate Entrance Exams (opt.) | | Spring | |
| Year 2 Fall | | | Must be completed before major field written exam can be scheduled. | Have Advisory Committee appointed. Pre-exam appointment with Director of Graduate Studies, preferably early in final semester of coursework. Minor and major field written qualifying exam(s). You may take a written qualifying exam if: [1] proficiencies are complete, [2] courses in the field to be examined are complete, and [3] in or past 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. | | Write topic proposal, have approved by proposed research committee (required before major field written examination may be scheduled). | Year 2 Fall |
| Spring | | | | | | | Spring |
| Year 3 Fall | Research Committee formally appointed after oral qualifying exam passed (PhD) or when proposal is approved (DME). Write dissertation. Submit to Music Graduate Office with Research Director approval. Research Committee review (up to 6 weeks). Apply for graduation. Schedule defense (PhD students must schedule this at least 30 days in advance). Pass defense. Submit required copies (including required revisions) to University Graduate School (PhD) or Music Graduate Office (DME). Must be complete within 7 years of date of oral exam. | Year 3 Fall | | | | | |
| Spring | | Spring | | | | | |
| Year 4 Fall | | | | | Year 4 Fall | | |
| Spring | | | | | Spring | | |
| Year 5... | | | | | | Year 5... | |