

Typical Timetable for PhD in Musicology

The table below shows the primary requirements for the PhD in musicology, including the time in the program when they are typically completed.

| | Proficiencies, Tool Subjects | Coursework | Examinations | Dissertation | | |
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| Year 1 Fall | As soon as possible, complete keyboard proficiency, performance proficiency, review courses (if necessary), and tool subjects (languages). Must be completed before starting qualifying exams. | Complete graduate review courses, courses required for major, minor, and tool subjects. (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 | | | | | | Year 2 Fall |
| Spring | | | | | | Spring |
| Year 3 Fall | | | | | | Year 3 Fall |
| Spring | | | Have Advisory Committee appointed. Pre-exam appointment with Director of Graduate Studies, preferably early in final semester of coursework. | Spring | | |
| Year 4 Fall | | | 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 (except for M605 for major field exam), 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). | Complete topic proposal, have approved by proposed research committee. Research Committee formally appointed after oral qualifying exam passed and topic approved by department. Write dissertation. Submit to Music Graduate Office with Research Director approval. Research Committee review (up to 6 weeks). Apply for graduation. Schedule defense (at least 30 days in advance). Pass defense. | Year 4 Fall | |
| Spring | | | | Submit required copies (including required revisions) to University Graduate School. | Spring | |
| Year 5... | | | | Must be complete within 7 years of date of oral exam. | Year 5... | |