

Typical Timetable for PhD in Music Theory

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

	Proficiencies and Tool Subjects	Coursework	Public Lecture	Examinations	Dissertation		
Year 1 Fall	As soon as possible, complete keyboard proficiency, performance proficiency, review courses (if necessary), and tool subjects (languages, M539). Must be completed before starting qualifying exams.	Complete graduate review courses, courses required for major, minors, and tool subjects. (Typically takes 6 semesters, but 4-5 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 done before oral exam can be scheduled.	Have Advisory Committee appointed.		Year 2 Fall	
Spring						Spring	
Year 3 Fall							Year 3 Fall
Spring						Pre-exam appointment with Director of Graduate Studies, preferably early in final semester of coursework.	Develop topic prospectus in T650 in last semester of coursework.
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, and [3] in or after last semester of classes overall.	Develop full topic proposal. Research Committee formally appointed after proposal is approved and oral qualifying exam passed.	Year 4 Fall		
Spring			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 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).	Spring		
Year 5...				Pass defense. Submit required copies (including required revisions) to University Graduate School. Must be complete within 7 years of date of oral exam.	Year 5...		