# Jacobs School of Music Indiana University

Requirements for: Master of Music Composition

For students entering the M.M. program in the Jacobs School of Music: Fall 2015 through Summer 2016

Credits earned in graduate theory and history & literature review courses, major ensemble, language proficiencies, or tool subjects are  $\underline{not}$  applied to the minimum required hours for graduation.

Current students may obtain an up-to-date advisement report at <a href="http://one.iu.edu">http://one.iu.edu</a> – search "Advisement Report"

This sheet is for use as an aid in understanding degree requirements. In questions of official policy the *Jacobs School of Music Bulletin* and official notices supersede this document. Please consult the bulletin for additional details regarding general regulations and policies for graduate music students.

# Music History & Literature and Music Theory Entrance Proficiencies

All new students are required to show proficiency in Music History & Literature and Music Theory. The proficiencies may be satisfied in any of the following ways:

Students may take and pass the graduate entrance exams. Students must take the exams at the beginning of their first semester of enrollment; they may take them for a second time in their second semester. They may not take them again, nor may they take them after their second semester of enrollment. (Note that this includes summer sessions in which students are enrolled. Exams are ordinarily given in the week before classes begin each semester.)

Students who completed their undergraduate degree at IU in the current calendar year or three preceding calendar years can be exempt from the graduate entrance exams with minimum grades in specific courses. See the *JSoM Bulletin* for details.

Students may enroll in and pass the graduate review courses listed below:

M501 Proseminar in Music History (3 cr)

T508 Written Theory Review for Graduate Students (3 cr)

T509 Sight Singing Review for Graduate Students (1 cr)

T511 Aural Theory Review for Graduate Students (1 cr)

Students should begin enrolling in review courses from which they are not exempted by examination as soon as possible; otherwise completion of the degree may be delayed as T508 and M501 serve as prerequisites to the master's music history and literature requirement. *The review courses are not offered every semester*.

The MM in Composition requires a High Pass in T508 and T511.

## **Keyboard Proficiency Examination**

All music graduate students must pass a keyboard proficiency examination. This exam is designed to ensure the student's ability to use the keyboard as a tool within the framework of professional activities, and the requirements vary according to level and area of music study. This exam may be repeated as many times as necessary to show proficiency. The exam is offered at the end of each term. The keyboard proficiency requirement may be satisfied by passing the examination at any of the times it is offered or by receiving a grade of B or higher in **P715 Keyboard Review for Graduate Students** (1 cr).

# **Performance Proficiency**

Must demonstrate a minimum level of music performance ability equivalent to the end of the second year for elective undergraduate students in that area. Students should consult the appropriate performance department chair for detailed information on the required level. Proficiency may be demonstrated in any of three ways: 1) in person before a faculty auditioning committee, one voting member of which shall at the student's request be a faculty member in the student's major area; 2) by completion of performance study as a graduate outside area or minor; or 3) by two semesters of performance study as a graduate elective. The grade in each semester of performance study must be B or higher. Option no. 1 (auditioning before a faculty committee) may be used only during the first two semesters of enrollment.

# **Major Field Requirements (18 Credits)**

Composition Lessons			12 credits
_	K910	Composition Graduate Major	
		(3-6 credits per enrollment)	
	I500	Performance and Composition	
		Masterclass (0 cr—concurrent enrollment in K910)	with
Analysis			3 credits
	T556	Analysis of Music Since 1900 (3 cr)	
Recital			0 credits
	I711	Master's Recital (0 cr)	
Thesis			3 credits
	K600	Thesis in Composition (3 cr)	

#### **Major Ensemble**

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Enrollment in a major ensemble (X??) is required every semester until four fall-spring enrollments in ensemble are reached or the student graduates.

## **Music History and Literature Requirement (6 Credits)**

Choose two courses from the following list:

IVI323	Survey of Operatic Literature (3 cr)
M527	Symphonic Literature (3 cr)
M528	Chamber Music Literature (3 cr)
M650	Music in the United States (3 cr)
M651	Medieval Music (3 cr)
M652	Renaissance Music (3 cr)
M653	Baroque Music (3 cr)
M654	Classic Music (3 cr)
M655	Romantic Music (3 cr)
M656	Modern Music (3 cr)
M657	Music Since 1960 (3 cr)
M502	Composers: Variable Topics (3 cr) <sup>1</sup>
M510	Topics in Music Literature (3 cr) <sup>1</sup>

M525 Survey of Operatio Literature (2 or)

<sup>1</sup>Course topics may not be repeated.

# Other Required Credits (6 credits)

6 credit hours, inside or outside the Jacobs School of Music. Courses must be at 500 level or higher, except that courses outside the Jacobs School of Music may be at the 300 or 400 levels, with the approval of the director of graduate studies. Any performance lessons must be at 800 level. Credits may not be used for major ensemble, capstone courses (e.g., thesis, document), recitals, proficiency courses, or tool subjects. 6 credits taken within a single department outside the student's major department may become an Outside Area. An Outside Area may become a minor if 12 credit hours are taken in that field.

### **Comprehensive Review**

Prior to graduation, all master's degree students must pass an oral or written examination. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the major field department to ascertain the procedures established within that department. This consultation should be accomplished within the first year of residency.

Student's Responsibility: Students have a threefold responsibility: 1) to know and satisfy the graduation requirements stated in the *Jacobs School of Music Bulletin*; 2) to know their academic standing based on the academic standards stated in the *JSoM Bulletin*; and 3) to know and observe all regulations and academic calendar deadlines as stated in the *Schedule of Classes*, the *JSoM Bulletin*, and the student handbooks. Faculty and staff advisors assist students in planning a program of study to meet degree requirements, but students are responsible for meeting all requirements for their respective degrees and all announced deadlines.