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Departments
• DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE - Dept. Code: MIP
• DEPARTMENT OF KEYBOARD PERFORMANCE - Dept. Code: MKP
• DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC EDUCATION AND MUSIC THERAPY - Dept. Code: MED
• DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC MEDIA AND INDUSTRY - Dept. Code: MMI
• DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC THEORY-COMPOSITION - Dept. Code: MTC
• DEPARTMENT OF MUSICOLOGY - Dept. Code: MCY
• DEPARTMENT OF STUDIO MUSIC AND JAZZ - Dept. Code: MSJ
• DEPARTMENT OF VOCAL PERFORMANCE - Dept. Code: MVP

Admission Requirements
Please consult the general section of the Graduate Bulletin for the Graduate School admission requirements.
For additional information on the Frost School of Music Graduate Admission Requirements, please visit our Graduate Admissions website (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/).

The University is currently instituting an audit process to ensure students only take courses that are required for their degree program. Such audits will be specific to students who are receiving federal financial aid, such as federal student loans. If a student is found to be enrolled in courses not required for the degree program, federal aid may be adjusted for that student. In essence, the aid may be reduced, as aid will not be given for courses outside the degree program. Moreover, the University could incur sizable fines if federal aid is used to pay for courses outside the degree program.

Degree Programs
1. Doctor of Philosophy – Deg. Code: PhD
   a. Music Education – Conc. Code: MEDU
   a. Choral Conducting – Conc. Code: MCDC
   b. Composition – Conc. Code: MTCP
   c. Instrumental Conducting – Conc. Code: MCDI
   d. Instrumental Performance – Conc. Code: MIPF
   e. Jazz Composition – Conc. Code: MSJC
   f. Jazz Performance (Instrumental – Conc. Code: MSJI or Vocal – Conc. Code: MSJV)
   h. Multiple Woodwinds – Conc. Code: MIPW
   j. Vocal Pedagogy and Performance – Conc. Code: VPED
   k. Vocal Performance – Conc. Code: MVPF
   a. Arts Presenting & Live Entertainment Management – Conc. Code: MPRS
   b. Arts Presenting & Live Entertainment ManagementOnline
   a. Choral Conducting – Conc. Code: MCDC
   b. Composition – Conc. Code: MTCP
Entrance Exams

The Frost School of Music requires certain incoming graduate students to take an entrance exam in Music Theory. Graduate students are expected to be well-prepared for this exam. Masters students who do not pass this exam must fulfill a remediation requirement prior to completion of the final project as required for the degree. Doctoral students who do not pass the entrance exam must fulfill a remediation requirement prior to applying for Doctoral Committee Approval. Please access [this link](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements: Doctoral Degrees

**Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA)**

The purpose of the Doctor of Musical Arts is to train the most promising musicians at the highest musical and intellectual level for prominent careers in their field. The degree stresses excellence in performance, composition, scholarship, and teaching. By its nature, the Doctor of Musical Arts provides opportunities for students with proven accomplishment to prepare themselves for the professorship.

For the Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance, Keyboard Performance and Pedagogy, Composition, Jazz Composition, Jazz Performance, Vocal Pedagogy and Performance, and Conducting, the candidate must meet all the general requirements for the PhD degree with respect to residence, total minimum credit hours, and qualifying examinations. The main distinction between the two degrees pertains to the required creative activity. The DMA emphasizes performance ability, as well as performance-related research. These creative efforts replace the dissertation requirements traditionally found in the PhD. In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing the DMA must meet the requirements listed below.

**Doctoral Committee for the DMA**

This committee can be the same or different from the student’s recital committee. The committee should consist of four members, including three members from the student's major area (one of whom is the committee chair), and one member from another department of the Frost School. The committee chair will be Regular Faculty and/or hold a doctoral degree (i.e., DMA or PhD) as well as graduate faculty status. Two other committee members will be Regular Faculty or members of the Graduate Faculty. At least one member of the committee must hold a doctoral degree (i.e., DMA or PhD). Committees are first approved by the committee chair and then the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the Frost School before students apply for candidacy. Requests for exceptions to these committee requirements can be submitted in writing for consideration by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the Frost School.

Responsibilities of the committee shall include the following:
• Overseeing the doctoral essay or lecture recital, including approval of the topic and proposal, supervision of the writing of the essay or lecture recital, assessment of the quality of the final essay or lecture recital, and the quality of the final defense. In cases where special faculty expertise is needed for a particular essay topic, changes in membership of the doctoral committee may be made. Membership of the doctoral committee is approved first by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the Frost School and subsequently by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Doctoral Cognates
Within the 60 credit hours required for the degree, DMA students may select a formal area of study known as the cognate. A total of 12 credit hours are devoted to the cognate. If a cognate is not selected, the student should work with the advisor to select a meaningful collection of elective music courses that complement the student’s discipline.

The cognate allows the student to obtain specialized knowledge and skill in an additional area of music. For example, a student pursuing the DMA in instrumental performance may wish to obtain a cognate in musicology or music business. Completion of a cognate should give the student a heightened level of understanding in this topic area, and could give the student a competitive advantage when pursuing post-graduation opportunities. When completed, cognates are listed on the student's official transcript.

Cognates are offered in a number of Departments within the Frost School. Students must apply to the cognate Department for acceptance. This process may include an audition, interview, portfolio, or testing as determined by the cognate Department. Students must complete all requirements specified for a cognate to be recognized as having completed the cognate. Otherwise, the credits will be considered electives and the cognate will not be granted. In order to ensure completion of the cognate in a timely manner, students should decide on a cognate no later than the end of their second semester of full-time study.

No credits that are otherwise required in the DMA program can apply to the cognate. Any overlap will require approved course substitutions within either the DMA program or the cognate as determined to be most appropriate by the Faculty In-Charge of the selected cognate, as well as the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. One course substitution is allowed per cognate.

Procedures for Completing a Doctoral Cognate
See Procedures for Completing a Cognate on this website (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/doctoral-cognates/):

1. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies to obtain a complete listing of required courses in a selected cognate.
2. Contact the faculty in-charge for the desired cognate.
3. Complete the application process for that cognate.
4. The designated faculty member must then complete and sign a Doctoral Cognate Acceptance Form and submit it to the Frost School Office of Graduate Studies.
5. Complete all required courses in the cognate with a grade of C- or higher. The cognate can then be listed on the student’s official transcript at time of degree conferral.

List of Cognates, Respective Departments, and Faculty in Charge:
Arts Presenting and Live Entertainment Management, Department of Music Media and Industry, Gary Wood

Collaborative Piano, Department of Keyboard Performance, Santiago Rodriguez

Conducting: Choral, Department of Vocal Performance, Corin Overland

Conducting: Instrumental, Department of Instrumental Performance, Robert Carnochan

Instrumental Performance, Department of Instrumental Performance, Margaret Donaghue, Ross Harbaugh, Richard Todd, Svet Stoyanov

Jazz Performance, Department of Studio Music and Jazz, John Daversa

Keyboard Pedagogy, Department of Keyboard Performance, Naoko Takao

Music Business, Department of Music Media and Industry, Serona Elton

Music Education, Department of Music Education and Music Therapy, Stephen Zdzinski

Music Technology, Department of Music Theory and Composition, Will Pirkle

Music Theory, Department of Music Theory and Composition, Charles Mason

Musicology, Department of Musicology, David Ake

Vocal Accompanying, Department of Vocal Performance, Alan Johnson
DMA Qualifying Examinations

Qualifying examinations represent a significant milestone in the doctoral degree. All students pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree must pass Doctoral Qualifying Examinations prior to proposing the DMA Essay, and prior to applying for candidacy. These exams represent a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of graduate student knowledge and skill level in the major discipline as acquired over a lifetime of academic and practical experience. Depending on the degree program, qualifying examinations may consist of timed written exams, take-home projects, performance-based examinations of musical skill, and oral exams.

Students who fail a qualifying exam (or a portion of the exam) can re-take the exam one time with Departmental approval. A student who fails a qualifying examination (or portion of the exam) for a second time will be dismissed from his/her respective degree program.

Discipline-specific qualifying exam procedures for each DMA degree can be found on our Graduate Studies website (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/). All DMA students are strongly encouraged to contact their advisors and Department Chairs to obtain more information on exam scheduling, expectations, and preparation.

Admission to Candidacy

Doctoral students may apply for candidacy after successfully defending the Doctoral Essay or Lecture Recital proposal. No student may receive the degree in the same semester or summer session in which he or she is admitted to candidacy.

Performance and Creative Requirements

DMA students in performance, jazz performance, or keyboard performance and pedagogy may present one recital before the qualifying examination (provided they have passed their qualifying recital). Before the second or third recital, depending upon program, students must have passed the Qualifying Examinations. All recitals are to be presented during either Fall or Spring semesters when classes are in session.

Performance Majors

Students accepted into the program must present three full-length (60 minute) doctoral recitals, and may choose from these options as decided in consultation with their studio teacher:

1. Three solo recitals
2. Two solo recitals and one chamber recital
3. Solo recitals may also include some chamber music which features the student's instrument or voice
4. One doctoral recital may consist of an Orchestral Mock Audition

Vocalists are expected to execute one or more substantial roles in a large scale work, e.g., opera or oratorio in addition to the solo recitals. Students majoring in accompanying and chamber music will present one solo recital, one chamber music recital, and three accompanying recitals. For Keyboard Performance and Pedagogy, an approved combination of recitals and pedagogy presentations is required.

Jazz Performance Majors

Students must present three full-length recitals.

Conducting Majors: Choral

No less than two approved full recitals shall be presented by each candidate.

Conducting Majors: Instrumental

Three approved public recitals (or the equivalent) with suitable performing groups must be given during the period of residency and prior to the oral examination.

Composition Majors

1. The candidate will be required to compose a piece of substantial proportions.
2. The candidate will be required to write a doctoral essay. The text will either detail the doctoral composition or discuss another topic as approved by the doctoral committee chair.
3. A public presentation of the candidate's compositions will be required. A series of smaller performances presented each semester on- or off-campus, a larger festival performance(s), or a cumulative solo recital at the terminal stages of the degree exemplify how this requirement can be fulfilled. Other options are possible with faculty approval.

DMA Final Project

By means of a written Doctoral Essay or Lecture Recital, all DMA candidates are expected to demonstrate their ability to conduct an original scholarly investigation and present its results in an articulate manner. All DMA students must pass a public oral defense of the Doctoral Essay or Lecture Recital. Detailed information on these projects and defense procedures is provided in the Frost School of Music Graduate Student Handbook (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/).
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in Music Education, and Music Education with Music Therapy Emphasis. This rigorous curriculum prepares students to become innovative researchers, scholars, and outstanding leaders in these disciplines. Graduates are uniquely-prepared for careers in higher education, research, and administration. Candidates must meet all general requirements for the PhD degree as defined by the Graduate School of the University of Miami with respect to residence, total minimum credit hours, and qualifying examinations. In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing the PhD must meet the requirements listed below.

PhD Qualifying Examination
All PhD students must complete a qualifying examination that includes two components. The first component consists of writing three scholarly papers that are independent of or significant extensions of documents written as part of other coursework. The second component consists of a one-hour, oral examination focusing on the written papers. After successfully completing this exam, students can apply for Doctoral Committee Approval, defend the dissertation proposal, and apply for Doctoral Candidacy. Students who fail a qualifying exam (or a portion of the exam) can re-take the exam, with committee approval. A student who fails a qualifying examination (or portion of the exam) twice will be dismissed from the degree program.

Qualifying exam procedures for the PhD degree can be found on our [Graduate Studies website](https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/). PhD students are strongly encouraged to contact their advisors and Department Chairs to obtain more information on exam scheduling, expectations, and preparation.

Doctoral Committee for the PhD
All students pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy degree must establish a Doctoral Committee to oversee the dissertation. The committee should consist of five members, including three members from the student’s major area (one of whom is the committee chair), and one other member from another department within the Frost School, and one faculty member from outside the Frost School. The committee chair and two other members must be members of the Graduate Faculty. Requests for exceptions to these committee requirements can be submitted in writing for consideration by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the Frost School.

Admission to Candidacy
Doctoral students may apply for candidacy after successful completion of all qualifying examinations as well as a successful defense of the dissertation proposal. No student may receive the degree in the same semester or summer session in which he or she is admitted to candidacy.

PhD Final Project: the Dissertation
The culminating project for the PhD is the Doctoral Dissertation. A PhD is traditionally considered a research-oriented academic degree, thus the dissertation should consist of independent, original research that demonstrates the candidate’s mastery of both subject matter and scholarly method. All PhD students must pass a public oral defense of the Dissertation. Detailed information, including defense procedures, is provided in the Frost School of Music Graduate Student Handbook (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/).

Degree Requirements: Masters Degrees
Credit Hours and Grades
All masters degrees require a minimum of 30 credit hours. However, many masters degrees in the Frost School require more than 30 credit hours. Students are therefore advised to carefully read the respective bulletin pages for their chosen degree program. To graduate, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B average). Grades below C- are not considered passing.

Master of Music Degree (MM) in:
- Conducting, Choral or Instrumental
- Instrumental Performance
- Keyboard Performance
- Jazz Performance
- Vocal Performance

In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing these Master of Music degrees must meet all requirements listed below.

Ensemble Requirements
The curricula for Master of Music degrees in performance and conducting include participation in one ensemble during each semester that a student is registered for 7 credit hours or more. Certain performance degrees have additional ensemble requirements as found on the respective bulletin pages.
Conducting Recital Guidelines

Master’s Recital
A compilation on DVD of conducting single or multiple works of live performances of major ensembles spread across the Masters’ experience. These performances are arranged in consultation with the major professor who assists in the preparation of the performances.

Master’s Advanced Recital
A full-length conducting recital is prepared and presented. The ensemble(s) and repertoire will be selected in close consultation with the major professor who will assist in the preparation process. All aspects of performance preparation including scheduling, venue arrangements, program notes, and the like will be carried out by the student under the guidance of the major professor.

Performance Recital Guidelines

Master’s Recital
A full-length recital performed publicly by the student that may include chamber music in which the student’s instrument plays a prominent role. Selection of repertoire is determined in consultation with the major professor who assists in the preparation of the performances.

Master’s Second Recital
With advisor approval, masters students in performance may give a second recital. In the Department of Instrumental Performance, this second recital may take the form of an Orchestral Mock Audition.

Final Projects

All masters degrees in performance and conducting require the successful completion of a final, culminating project. For example, in some performance degrees, students must perform and defend an extended comprehensive jury. In other performance degrees, students must complete a scholarly document in the form of either a Recital Paper or Extended Program Notes which must be defended before the masters recital committee. Detailed information on these documents and defense procedures are provided in the Frost School of Music Graduate Student Handbook (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/).

Students are advised to carefully read the respective bulletin pages and consult with their assigned advisor to obtain more information on the required final project for their degree program.

Master of Music Degree (MM) in:

- Composition
- Jazz Pedagogy
- Keyboard Performance and Pedagogy
- Media Writing and Production
- Musicology
- Music Education
- Music Therapy
- Studio Jazz Writing

In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing these Master of Music degrees must meet all requirements listed below.

Masters Thesis or Masters Project

Students in these Master of Music degree programs must complete either a thesis or masters project and must pass a public, oral defense of their work. Detailed information on these documents and defense procedures are provided in the Frost School of Music Graduate Student Handbook (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/).

Comprehensive Examinations

Certain masters degree programs also require students to take written Comprehensive Examinations. Students should contact their advisors to obtain specific details regarding comprehensive examination requirements. The exam is typically written and evaluated by a committee of faculty members in the student’s department who are familiar with the student’s discipline.

Per Graduate School policy, students who fail the comprehensive exam may be given one opportunity to retake the exam, with the committee's approval. The re-take of the comprehensive exam may not be taken during the same semester as the original exam, or during a summer session. Additionally, the re-take must be completed within one calendar year of the original exam.

Master of Music Degree (MM) in:

- Music Business and Entertainment Industries
In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing these Master of Music degrees must meet all requirements listed below.

**Cumulative Exit Exam**
Students must pass a cumulative exit exam as part of the Master of Music degree in Music Business and Entertainment Industries or Jazz Pedagogy.

**Master of Arts Degree (MA) in:**
- **Arts Presenting and Live Entertainment Management**

In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing this Master of Arts degree must meet all requirements listed below.

**Cumulative Exit Exam**
Students must pass a cumulative exit exam as part of the Master of Arts degree in Arts Presenting and Live Entertainment Management.

**Master of Science Degree (MS) in:**
- **Music Engineering Technology**

In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing this Master of Science degree must meet all requirements listed below.

**Masters Research Project**
Students pursuing the Master of Science degree in Music Engineering Technology must complete a substantial final project in the form of independent research that is defended before a faculty committee. Detailed information on this project and defense procedures are provided in the Frost School of Music Graduate Student Handbook (https://admissions.frost.miami.edu/graduate/current-students/).

**Degree Requirements: Artist Diploma**

**Artist Diploma (AD) in:**
- **Instrumental Conducting**
- **Instrumental Performance**
- **Keyboard Performance**
- **Vocal Performance**

The Artist Diploma is an intensive, one-year immersion in performance or conducting study for candidates with highly-developed skills. In addition to specific courses and credit hours listed in the following pages, students pursuing the AD program must also complete two, full-length (60 minute) recitals. In the Department of Instrumental Performance, one of the Artist Diploma recitals may take the form of an Orchestral Mock Audition.