

MUSIC | MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (MUSIC PERFORMANCE)

The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in Performance Studies¹ is intended for students who wish to further their music training in performance. The degree is available online and on campus. To be considered for the program, all applicants must:

- have a bachelors degree in Music - this is required of all students who are accepted into the program
- have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on the last 60 undergraduate hours
- provide a personal statement
- provide two letters of recommendation from those who can speak to your musical and academic promise
- submit a video audition: recording should be a live performance of at least three different styles/genres of standard literature in the performance area (i.e. sonata, concerto, suite, aria, character piece, etc.). Recording should be made within the last 12 months and performer should be fully visible.
- voice applicants should have completed undergraduate coursework in diction that includes English, Italian, German, and French. Modern language coursework may be required (will not count towards degree requirements) based on competencies.

¹ Please note: Not all music schools accept the MPS as an appropriate degree for entrance into a DMA program in performance, but there are schools that do.

Program Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
MUS 663	Form and Analysis	3
MUS 684	Literature (focus in primary performance medium)	3
MUS 876	Principles of Research	3
Concentration Core		
Select one course from the following:		18
Instrumental/Vocal (non-piano)		
MUS 8XX	Applied Lessons (3 semesters)	
MUS 6XX	Major Ensemble in Primary Medium (3 semesters)	
Electives		
Piano		
MUS 8XX	Applied Lessons (3 semesters)	
MUS 616	Piano Techniques and Materials	
MUS 618	Collaborative Piano Class	
Jazz		
MUS 8XX	Applied Lessons (3 semesters)	
MUS 6XX	Ensemble (3 semesters)	
MUS 891	Graduate Jazz History	
Electives		
Project		

MUS 862	Graduate Recital	3
Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment		
Total Hours		30

Note: Ensembles are not available online. To fulfill this requirement, students should be member of an ensemble or transfer graduate-level ensemble credits another institution.

Note: For online students, the graduate recital is required to be a public recital that is video recorded with audience and performer visible. If an accompanist/band/collaborative pianist or other musicians are required for the recital, it is the responsibility of the student to secure and pay for services and ensure the performance is of an acceptable level.

Graduate School Graduation Requirements

All Graduate degrees¹ require:

- Maintain a C or higher in all coursework.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Refer to program)
- A minimum of 30-75 hours of Graduate course work. (Refer to program)
- Comprehensive Examination or equivalent assessment is required. (Master of Liberal Studies requires a Comprehensive Examination **and** Concentration Exam)
- Degree completion within 8 years.

¹ Refer to degree program for any additional requirements.

Note for MLS and MPS degree concentrations:

Master of Liberal Studies (MLS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.

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