Master of Arts in Music Theory

Two Year Degree (62-21)

The following guide serves as a typical program of study (assuming no remedial work is necessary) upon which the Supervisory Committee develops each graduate student's particular program of study. It is the responsibility of the Supervisory Committee to assure an appropriate program of study for each student. It is within the Committee's purview to require additional courses that are not listed below, to substitute particular courses for others listed below, and to tailor the program to the needs of the student in any way that it deems educationally mandated. The student needs to be certain that he/she is working directly with the Committee, and choosing courses that reflect the Committee's suggestions and requirements, at all times. For entrance requirements, please see the Introduction to the School of Music booklet, or our website: http://music.washington.edu/advising. A minimum of 45 credits is required for the degree (at least 30 of these credits must be taken at the University of Washington). The distribution of credits is given below.

Major Area: 30

Complete the following coursework:

- MUSIC 470 and 471 (3 credits ea.) 6
- Complete at least 12 credits from the following: MUSIC 472, 570, 571, 575, 576 12
- Complete at least 3 credits from the following: MUSIC 489, 526, 527, 528, 573, 574, 577 3
- Prepare a Master’s Thesis approved by a Supervisory Committee, 9 credits of MUSIC 700 required 9

Other Studies: 15

- Music History: complete at least two 500-level seminars (3 credits ea.) 6
- Music Electives: at least 9 credits of music courses at the 400- or 500-level 9

Total Credits: 45

- Pass a piano proficiency examination (MUSAP 235-level)
- Pass a graduate reading-knowledge examination in French, German, Italian or Latin
- Master’s Examination:
  - Thesis: The work for credit in MUSIC 700 will consist of developing a thesis out of three papers previously written in seminars taken for credit toward the M.A., each to be polished and significantly expanded. Students must have the thesis approved by a supervisory committee and pass a comprehensive oral examination plus a thesis defense. The thesis must be formatted according to the Graduate School Style & Policy Manual. 9 credits of MUSIC 700 are required by the Graduate School to complete the Master’s degree.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Only grades of 2.7 and above may be counted toward fulfilling graduate requirements. Complete all requirements for the master's degree within six years of entering the program. All graduate students must be familiar with the content of The University of Washington General Catalog's Graduate Degree Policies. A student must satisfy the requirements for the degree that are in force at the time the degree is to be awarded.