Music (Interdisciplinary Digital Media), DMA

This program's name has changed effective Fall 2019. The previous name was Music (Interdisciplinary Digital Media and Performance).

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DMA Music (Interdisciplinary Digital Media and Performance)

The DMA program in music with a concentration in interdisciplinary digital media is designed for students who have interests and skills in unique cross sections of the arts and sciences.

The degree program expands the School of Music offerings to include areas beyond typical music coursework, allowing for more opportunities for digital sound and interactive projects. The program also allows the School of Music and its students to be actively involved in current developments in the ever-changing field of media and digital culture.

The state-of-the-art media facilities of the School of Arts, Media and Engineering and its hybrid arts-engineering faculty and courses are an invaluable asset to music students, with resources that complement existing and future courses in electronic music.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location**: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

90 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation
Required Core (25-27 credit hours)
Music Theory Core Area (12-19)
Music History Core Area (6-15)

Concentration (33 credit hours)
MTC 523 Advanced Composition (6)
MTC 723 Advanced Composition (6)
Arts, Media and Engineering coursework (21)

Electives (9-11 credit hours)

Research (9 credit hours)
MTC 792 Research (9)

Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)
MTC 799 Dissertation (12)

Additional Curriculum Information
Completion of diagnostic exams in music history and music theory is required of all new graduate music students prior to enrollment in the ASU School of Music.

Concentration coursework for the Arts, Media and Engineering area must be from the AME prefix.

This program accepts up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree with approval from the academic unit and the Graduate College that may be used towards the hours required for the elective and concentration coursework.

Additional information on degree requirements for all graduate music programs may be found on the check sheets posted here: https://music.asu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/. 

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a U.S. bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from an institution in another country and officially recognized by that country.
Applicants must have achieved a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee: https://students.asu.edu/graduate
2. School of Music application (including a resume and personal statement):
   https://music.asu.edu/admissions/grad/
3. official transcripts
4. GRE or MAT scores
5. prescreening portfolio: https://music.asu.edu/admissions/graduate-recordings-portfolios/
6. three letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. The School of Music does not offer conditional admission under any circumstances. In order to meet English proficiency requirements, students should have a TOEFL score of at least 550 (PBT) or 80 (iBT), or IELTS overall band score of at least 6.5, or Pearson Test of English score of at least 60.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

After receipt of complete application materials (including recommendation letters, transcripts and English proficiency requirements) and review of prescreening materials, an applicant may be invited for a live interview. Information about the interview may be found at https://music.asu.edu/admissions/graduate-auditions.

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Admission Deadlines