Music Learning and Teaching, MM

Learn and teach while broadening and deepening your understanding of students and how and where they learn music.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MM Music Learning and Teaching
The MM program in music learning and teaching is designed for individuals interested in music learning or in teaching music in public and private schools, community education settings, early childhood programs and adult education. Practicing teachers may enroll as well as community musicians and music educators interested in advanced studies in music learning and teaching or research in the field.

Students may elect courses in each part of the degree program and may design a course of study that meets their specific interests and needs. The program provides opportunities to study full time, part time (through evening courses), in the summers only, or by combining full-time, part-time and summer study. Options for pursuing teacher certification are also available. Full-time students may complete the program in as little as one year.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

32 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam

The degree credit requirements are distributed as follows:
music education core (10 credit hours)
musicianship core (10 credit hours)
specialization (12 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Requirements
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, Dance and Theatre.

Six credit hours may be transferred from another regionally accredited graduate institution. Up to nine credit hours may be taken prior to admission.

As part of the portfolio, students also must participate in an oral review that is monitored internally by the academic unit.

Additional information about degree requirements for all graduate music programs may be found on the check sheets: https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/degree-programs/music/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 that is officially recognized by that country.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of their first bachelor's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. online graduate admission application and application fee
2. School of Music, Dance and Theatre application (including a resume): https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/admissions/music/graduate-steps-to-apply
3. official transcripts
4. three letters of recommendation
5. proof of English proficiency:

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency: https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency. The School of Music, Dance and Theatre 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 an IELTS overall band score of at least 6.5, or a Pearson Test of English score of at least 60.
A bachelor's degree in music is not required for admission to a master's program. However, all applicants without a bachelor's degree in music should contact MDTAdmissions@asu.edu for information on potential remedial courses. Remedial courses may be taken at ASU, another accredited university or a community college before or after admission to this program, but they must be completed prior to starting graduate-level course requirements in music history and music theory.

Applications are accepted until all spaces are filled and are reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible and should see the program website for more information about application deadlines. To ensure prompt processing of application, applicants should email MDTAdmissions@asu.edu after submitting an application.

Career Opportunities

The School of Music, Dance and Theatre graduate programs inspire and empower students to become creative leaders who transform society through music.

Musicians with expertise in performing, composing, teaching, researching, arts advocacy and serving as therapists are in high demand across many sectors and industries, including performing arts organizations, educational institutions, entertainment companies, health and wellness industries, and community arts organizations. Skills such as creativity, collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship and the focused discipline needed for success as musicians are all highly valued by a wide range of companies and professions.

Career examples include:

- arts administrator
- community arts advocate
- performing musician
- public or community school teacher
- university professor

Contact Information

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Admission Deadlines