

# MUSIC: MUSICOLOGY (M.A.)

<https://cola.unh.edu/music/program/ma/music-musicology>

## Description

The Master of Arts in Musicology<sup>1</sup> offers the opportunity for in-depth study of music history, theory, and criticism. The option is valuable to students who wish to augment undergraduate degrees in performance and/or music education with more intensive academic studies. The Department of Music has maintained a long history of excellence in music historical study and performance. Many graduates have gone on to pursue Ph.D.s and D.M.A.s in music. The M.A. in musicology offers enough electives so that students may also pursue advanced study in performance of an instrument or voice if qualified and accepted by an instructor upon a successful audition.

<sup>1</sup> Degree program has final approval from the National Association of Schools of Music.

## Requirements

Completion of the program requires a written research project of substantive nature on a topic of the candidate's special interest. An alternative for some students will be a lecture-recital and written essay. Students emphasizing performance are encouraged to present public recitals in addition to the above. A final oral examination assesses the ability to apply critical thinking to music literature and to describe personal advanced independent work of particular interest.

All of the Master of Arts in Music options require **30 credit hours** as well as a final project for completion of the degree.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Concentration</b>		
MUSI 869	Musicology Seminar <sup>1</sup>	9
MUSI 891	Research Seminar	1-4
<b>Supportive Courses in Music</b>		
MUSI 865	Introduction to Bibliography	3
MUSI 894	Theory Seminar	3
Select 3 credits from		
MUSI 803	Music of the Renaissance	
MUSI #809	Music of the Romantic Period	
MUSI 811	Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries	
MUSI 815	Survey of Opera	
<b>Electives<sup>2</sup></b>		
Select nine credits from the following:		
MUSI 871	Counterpoint	
<b>Music History Period Courses</b>		
MUSI 803	Music of the Renaissance	
MUSI #809	Music of the Romantic Period	
MUSI 811	Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries	
MUSI 815	Survey of Opera	
<b>Applied Lessons Courses</b>		
MUSI #841	Graduate Piano	
MUSI 845	Graduate Voice	
MUSI 848	Graduate Cello	
MUSI 852	Graduate Clarinet	
MUSI 853	Graduate Saxophone	
MUSI 855	Graduate Bassoon	
MUSI 856	Graduate French Horn	
MUSI 857	Graduate Trumpet	
MUSI 860	Graduate Tuba	

MUSI 861	Graduate Percussion
MUSI 895	Special Studies <sup>3</sup>
MUSI 831	Advanced Instrumental Conducting

- 1 Enroll in MUSI 869 Musicology Seminar three times, usually with three different instructors.
- 2 Normally, electives will be chosen only from offerings within the Department of Music. Students wishing to enroll in electives outside the department are permitted to do so in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Music.
- 3 MUSI 895 Special Studies may be used to enroll in large and studio ensembles for a total of 6 credits.

Concentration and Supportive Courses are required; other electives are possible with approval of department.

## Student Learning Outcomes

### General Competencies for All Music MA Programs

- Demonstrate advanced capacities to work independently and make effective artistic and intellectual judgments and professional decisions in the area of specialization by producing a final project or equivalent.
- Demonstrate advanced competence in the area of specialization.

### Additional Competencies, M.A. in Conducting

- Demonstrate advanced competencies in conducting through studies in gestural technique, score analysis, repertoire, and regular conducting experiences with appropriate ensembles.
- Demonstrate engagement with other fields of music outside of conducting.
- Demonstrate professional capability by rehearsing and conducting a concert-length performance or the equivalent.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking to music literature and to have in-depth discussions regarding specific works in the repertoire.

### Additional Competencies, M.A. in Composition

- Demonstrate advanced competencies in composition.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in one or more related fields of music.
- Complete a faculty approved final project.
- Manage an advanced performance of their original composition.

### Additional Competencies: MA in Musicology

- Demonstrate advanced competencies in musicology, theory, and criticism through written work and research papers in graduate-level music history and theory courses.
- Demonstrate appropriate competency in music theory and analysis by using the analytical tools and research concerns in music theory and analysis appropriately in writing and research.
- Demonstrate professional capability in the major area of study by completing a final project that demonstrates advanced competence and intellectual independence in research and writing in musicology.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking to music literature and to describe personal advanced independent work of particular interest.