

# MUSIC, AD

## *for the Artist Diploma in Music*

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**overview of school of music admissions & requirements:** <https://music.illinois.edu/graduate-admissions> (<https://music.illinois.edu/graduate-admissions/>)

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**overview of grad college admissions & requirements:** <https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply> (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)

**department website:** <https://music.illinois.edu>

**department faculty:** Music Faculty (<https://music.illinois.edu/people/>)

**college website:** <https://faa.illinois.edu/>

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The fields of specialization for the Artist Diploma are keyboard, voice, and orchestra/band instruments. The degree is intended only for musicians at the highest level of artistic accomplishment and potential, and the entrance audition must reflect this exceptional standard. Upon completion of the Artist Diploma, students are expected to be ready for entrance into the music profession as a solo artist, member of an orchestra or chamber or jazz ensemble, or as an apprentice in an opera company, and should be prepared to compete effectively in international competition.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's School of Music complies with the U.S. Department of Education's Gainful Employment requirements by disclosing information to applicants regarding our Artist Diploma program.

## Graduate Degree Programs in Music

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Music, MMUS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/>)

**concentrations:**

Choral Music (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/choral-music/>)|Instrumental Conducting - Band (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/instrumental-conducting-band/>)|Instrumental Conducting - Orchestra (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/instrumental-conducting-orchestra/>)|Jazz Performance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/jazz-performance/>)|Music Composition (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/music-composition/>)|Music Theory (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/music-theory/>)|Musicology (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/musicology/>)|Performance & Literature (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/performance-literature/>)|Piano Pedagogy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/piano-pedagogy/>)|Vocal Coaching & Accompanying (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/vocal-coaching-accompanying/>)

Music, DMA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/>)

**concentrations:**

Choral Music (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/choral-music/>)|Instrumental Conducting - Orchestra (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/instrumental-conducting-orchestra/>)|Instrumental Conducting - Wind Band (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/instrumental-conducting-wind-band/>)|Jazz Performance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/jazz-performance/>)|Music Composition (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/music-composition/>)|Performance & Literature (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/performance-literature/>)|Vocal Coaching & Accompanying (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/vocal-coaching-accompanying/>)

Music Education, MME (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-education-mme/>)

Music Education, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-education-phd/>)

Musicology, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/musicology-phd/>)

**concentration:**

Medieval Studies (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/>)

The School of Music has been an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music since 1933.

## Admission

For all degree programs, consult the admission requirements stated on the School of Music's website: <https://music.illinois.edu/prospective-students> (<https://music.illinois.edu/prospective-students/>).

Requirements for admission to the **Master of Music (MM)** programs are a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or an equivalent degree from another accredited institution. Students holding other degrees may be admitted but will be expected to make up any deficiencies in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the graduate degree.

Applicants to choral music, instrumental conducting (wind band or orchestra), jazz performance, piano pedagogy, performance and literature, and vocal accompanying and coaching must pass a qualifying audition for their major area or submit satisfactory recordings. Applicants in musicology and composition must present writings or other evidence of their ability to pursue work at the graduate level. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required.

The School of Music requires all-new MM students to complete entrance examinations in music theory and musicianship. These exams take place the week before the fall term begins. See the School of Music's Graduate Resources (<https://music.illinois.edu/graduate-academic-affairs/>) page for more information.

A prerequisite for admission to the **Artist Diploma** is a bachelor's degree in music performance.

**Applicants to the MM and the Artist Diploma (AD)** whose native language is not English must present an iBT score of 79 for admission to the Artist Diploma (AD), 90 for the Master of Music (MM), excluding Musicology; MM in Musicology requires an iBT score of 96. A TOEFL iBT of 103 or higher is required for Full Status Admission to the University of Illinois Graduate College and School of Music. For the full English proficiency requirements, please see <https://music.illinois.edu/english-proficiency-requirement> (<https://music.illinois.edu/english-proficiency-requirement/>). Fall admission only; other terms of entry by departmental petition approval only.

Requirements for admission to the **Master of Music in Education (MME)** are:

1. Undergraduate degree in music education from an accredited institution;
2. An overall grade average for the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate work of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). The grade average for Music Education and Education courses, when averaged separately, must also be at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
3. Recommendations from three individuals who can discuss the applicant's musicianship, ability to undertake graduate-level study, and teaching ability/potential.
4. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required for application to the MME, nor do MME students take placement tests in music theory or music history.

For MME applicants with public school experience:

1. recommendation from a principal or supervisor who speaks primarily to the quality of the applicant's teaching experience;
2. recommendation from an individual who speaks primarily to the quality of the applicant's musicianship;
3. recommendation from an individual who speaks primarily to the applicants potential for completion of graduate-level study;
4. applicants who wish to be considered for a Teaching Assistantship should ensure that at least one of their references provides specific comments on their potential to engage in university-level teaching duties associated with such an appointment.

For MME applicants without public school experience:

1. recommendation from a music education professor;
2. recommendation from an applied or ensemble music professor;
3. recommendation from an individual who can speak to the applicant's potential for completion of graduate study.

Applicants seeking admission to the MME + Licensure program should review the requirements found online at <https://music.illinois.edu/prospective-students> (<https://music.illinois.edu/prospective-students/>).

**Applicants to the MME** whose native language is not English must present an iBT score of 96 for the Master of Music Education (MME). A TOEFL iBT of 103 or higher is required for Full Status Admission to the University of Illinois Graduate College and School of Music. For the full English proficiency requirements, please see: <https://music.illinois.edu/english-proficiency-requirement>

The School of Music offers an academic year program and a Summers-only MME. For academic year applications, the School of Music offers Fall admission only; spring term of entry by departmental petition approval only.

Requirements for admission to the **Doctor of Musical Arts** and the **Doctor of Philosophy** in Musicology programs are the Master of Music degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or an equivalent degree from another accredited institution.

Applicants to the **Doctor of Musical Arts** programs must have:

1. a high level of proficiency in composition, conducting, or performance - candidates in composition must submit original scores for review, and candidates in performance and literature must pass a qualifying audition or submit satisfactory recordings; and

2. appropriate experience in ensemble performance and/or score reading. Candidates in voice and vocal accompanying and coaching must have fulfilled all foreign language requirements considered prerequisites for the Master of Music degree, including 1 year of college-level study in Italian, French, and German.

The School of Music requires all new **DMA** students to complete entrance examinations in music theory, score reading, and musicianship. These exams take place the week before the fall term begins. See the School of Music's Graduate Resources (<https://music.illinois.edu/resources/>) page for more information.

**Applicants to the DMA or PhD** whose native language is not English must submit an iBT score of 96. A TOEFL iBT of 103 or higher is required for Full Status Admission to the University of Illinois Graduate College and School of Music. For the full English proficiency requirements please see: <https://music.illinois.edu/english-proficiency-requirement> (<https://music.illinois.edu/english-proficiency-requirement/>).

For information about admission to the MME and PhD in Music Education, please visit [www.music.illinois.edu](http://www.music.illinois.edu) (<https://music.illinois.edu/>).

#### Language Requirements

For the Master of Music program, applicants in voice and vocal accompanying and coaching are required to have had at least one year each of college-level French, German, and Italian or the equivalent. Applicants in other applied music areas, composition, conducting, and musicology are required to have had one year of any language at the college level or the equivalent.

All Doctor of Musical Arts candidates will be required to demonstrate proficiency in at least one language other than English. Each area may specify which language is required or may require proficiency in more than one language. Please review the current Graduate Music Handbook (<https://music.illinois.edu/graduate-handbooks/>) for more details.

Proficiency is required in two languages, depending on the proposed field of specialization, for candidates in the Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology program. This may be demonstrated through two years of undergraduate study in each language.

For all Graduate Degrees:

For those students who do not meet the language requirement at the time of entrance, it may be satisfied by evidence of two years of undergraduate study or the equivalent, or by completion of a two-semester, or by satisfactory test scores. For up-to-date information regarding language requirements of the School of Music, please see the Graduate Music Handbook (<https://music.illinois.edu/graduate-handbooks/>).

#### Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience.

#### Financial Aid

Fellowships, teaching, graduate, and research assistantships are awarded on a one-year basis with continuation dependent upon success in the program. Specific information on application procedures is available from the Music Admissions Office, (217) 244-7899; [musicadmissions@illinois.edu](mailto:musicadmissions@illinois.edu).

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Code	Title	Hours
MUS 579- MUS 598,	Applied music/ performance studies	20
MUS 450/ MUS 499,	ensemble participation, both in large and chamber/small groups	8
MUS 500,	performances, including solo and chamber music	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

#### Other Requirements (may overlap):

Requirement	Description
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
Minimum GPA:	3.0