Students must choose a concentration: through pursuit of the Doctoral of Musical Arts. Students who seek to combine their artistic and academic interests are a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For all degree programs, consult the admission requirements stated on the School of Music’s website: https://music.illinois.edu/prospective-students/.

Graduate Degree Programs in Music

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concentrations:

Choral Music (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/choral-music/) | Instrumental Conducting - Band (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/instrumental-conducting-band/) | 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, MMUS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/)

concentrations:

Choral Music (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-mmus/choral-music/) | 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 Education, MM (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/) | Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)

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Admission

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Requirements for admission to the Master of Music (MM) programs are a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
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 (excluding Musicology). 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/.

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/.

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, musicianship, and score reading. 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/.

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