Music Education, MME

For the degree of Master of Music Education in Music Education

The Master of Music Education degree program is designed to meet the needs and interests of individuals who are already certified to teach music and who seek to continue their careers as public school music educators or music administrators. It is also possible to structure a program that will enable individuals interested in seeking careers in education-related fields or as a step in preparation for eventual college teaching.

Although prior teaching experience is not required for this degree program, the graduate study will be more meaningful if teaching experience in the field has first been gained. Therefore, individuals considering pursuing the MME are urged to plan to teach one to three years before initial enrollment or completing the degree. Students interested in gaining certification to teach music as part of the MME should refer to the MME+certification website for information about the MME+Certification Program.

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 applicants 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 applicant's 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 online requirements (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. See the complete English proficiency requirements (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 one 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.

All Doctor of Musical Arts candidates must 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.

Language Requirements

For the Master of Music program, applicants in voice and vocal accompanying and coaching must 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 must have had one year of any language at the college level or the equivalent.

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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:

Students who do not meet the language requirement at the time of entrance may be satisfied by evidence of two years of undergraduate study in the equivalent, or by completion of a two-semester or 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 essential 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, by phone (217) 244-7899, or by email (musicadmissions@illinois.edu).

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For additional details and requirements refer to the Music Department’s Graduate Handbook (https://music.illinois.edu/graduate-handbooks/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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Total Hours 32

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the 14 Unit:

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 Overall:

Minimum GPA: 3.0

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1. Students in the MME Program in Music Education will apply sound principles of curriculum design to the creation of comprehensive music programs that will further students’ musical growth.
2. Students in the MME Program in Music Education will demonstrate understanding of the techniques of educational research sufficient to design and conduct an inquiry project in their school settings.
3. Students in the MME Program in Music Education will analyze evidence of student learning and demonstrate their ability to synthesize and present these findings in written and oral form.
4. Students in the MME Program in Music Education will refine and expand their musical understanding, skills, and knowledge through focused musical study.
5. Students in the MME Program in Music Education will develop and extend their knowledge of the field of music education through studies in curriculum, instruction, assessment, musical practices, and the role of schooling in education.

Graduate Degree Programs in Music

- Artist Diploma in Music (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/artist-diploma-music/)
- Music and Sound Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/minor/music-sound-studies/)
- Music, DMA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/music-dma/)
• 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/)
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  • 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/)

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• 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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