A minimum of 130 hours of credit is required for graduation. This curriculum prepares its graduates for teaching music in grades kindergarten through twelve. For teacher education requirements applicable to all curricula, see the Council on Teacher Education (https://cte.s.education.illinois.edu/dotnet/webpages/webpage.aspx). Students complete a concentration in instrumental (band or strings), choral, technology, or general music education.

In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates are required to maintain a UIUC cumulative grade-point average of 2.5, content area (music courses) GPA of 2.75, and professional education course GPA of 3.0 (A=4.0). Candidates should consult the music education handbook, their advisor, or the Council on Teacher Education for a listing of courses used to compute these grade-point averages.

All music education students must earn a grade of C- or better in all music and education courses required for licensure.