

MUSIC EDUCATION, MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Offered by Department of Music (<http://catalog.unk.edu/graduate/departments/music-performing-arts/>)

Program Information and Admission Requirements

Music Education

The Department of Music offers its graduate program to serve three main purposes:

1. Provide a comprehensive course of academic study for those students who seek the Master of Arts in Education—Music Education degree;
2. Make available relevant and engaging graduate courses for those students who do not wish to pursue an advanced degree; and
3. Provide for graduate students experiences which will serve their cultural and professional needs.

Admission Requirements

Unconditional Admission to the Master of Arts in Education - Music Education degree program will require the following:

1. Fulfillment of the requirements for admission (<http://catalog.unk.edu/graduate/admissions/>) as set forth by the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Outreach;
2. Completion of graduate application: www.unk.edu/admissions/apply.php (<http://www.unk.edu/admissions/apply.php>);
3. Completion of the baccalaureate degree with a major in music from a fully accredited institution, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (an official transcript must be sent directly from the undergraduate institution);¹
4. Satisfactory completion of departmental entrance requirements:
 - Submit a Philosophy of Teaching (300-500 words. Include your ideas about the teaching and learning process, a description of how you teach, and why you teach in a particular way based on your beliefs, values, and/or objectives as related to music education.)
 - Submit a Professional Résumé
 - Submit three letters of recommendation from individuals who have knowledge of the applicant’s capabilities/professional musical experience

MAE - Music Education Policies

In addition to the academic policies listed in the Graduate Catalog that govern all graduate students, the following policies are specific to the MAE - Music Education program:

1. Students must be fully admitted to the program to take more than 9 credit hours of required/elective graduate level program courses.
2. Students shall maintain a GPA of at least a "B" (3.); grades below a "B-" will not apply to a degree program.
3. To receive credit for transfer credit hours, a student must complete a Change in Program of Study form and submit official transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Outreach.

4. Course work over ten years old at the completion of the program may not be used for the degree.

Course Prerequisite Considerations

1. Prerequisite for enrollment in Music History and Theory Review (MUS 802P): Completion of Graduate Music Entrance Assessment with a minimum score of 80% and permission of instructor.
2. Prerequisite for enrollment in Music Analysis (MUS 801) and Music History (MUS 848, MUS 849, MUS 851, MUS 852): Completion of Graduate Music Entrance Assessment with a minimum score of 80% or completion of MUS 402, Music History and Theory Review, with a minimum grade of "B" AND permission of instructor.
3. Prerequisite for enrollment in Graduate Applied Instruction (MUS 850): Submission of recording of a performance on principal instrument or voice.

Admission to Candidacy

1. Satisfactory completion of departmental requirements for admission/ Admission to Candidacy;
2. Satisfactory completion of at least 12 credit hours of UNK graduate course work;
3. Admission to Candidacy must come prior to registration for the last twelve semester credit hours required for graduation.

Program Completion

Completion of this program requires passing a comprehensive examination covering the following areas: music theory, music history, and music education.

UNK is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

¹ Students who do not meet minimum music GPA requirements may be admitted Conditionally:

- Students must pass the Graduate Music Entrance Assessment (music history and theory) with a minimum score of 80% or enroll in MUS 402 (<http://aaunk.unk.edu/catalogs/current/crs/crsmus.asp#MUS402>) and earn a minimum grade of "B" and
- Students must complete a minimum of 9 graduate credits with a minimum grade of "B" to meet this admission requirement.

This program is offered online only.

All students are required to complete an exit survey during the semester of graduation or program completion.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Music Core Curriculum		
<i>Music Theory</i>		
MUS 801	Music Analysis	3
<i>Music History/Literature</i>		
Select 6 credit hours of the following:		6
MUS 846	Survey of Choral Literature	
MUS 848	History of Baroque Music	
MUS 849	History of Classical Music	
MUS 851	History of Romantic Music	
MUS 852	History of Twentieth Century Music	

MUS 899P	Music Special Topics	
<i>Research</i>		
MUS 804	Introduction to Music Research	3
Music Education Support Courses		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
MUS 800	Foundations of Music Education	3
Select 6 credit hours of the following:		6
MUS 814	Aesthetics of Music	
MUS 817	Sociological Foundations of Music Education	
MUS 818	Psychological Foundations of Music Education	
<i>Performance/Pedagogy Electives</i>		
Select 6 credit hours of the following:		6
MUS 809P	Vocal Pedagogy	
MUS 811P	Woodwind Pedagogy	
MUS 812P	Brass Pedagogy	
MUS 813P	Percussion Pedagogy	
MUS 815	Graduate Secondary Applied Instruction Studio	
MUS 816P	Special Topics in Piano Pedagogy	
MUS 820P	String Pedagogy	
MUS 850	Graduate Applied Instruction	
MUS 857P	Elementary School Music	
MUS 894P	Wind Band Pedagogy	
MUS 895P	Choral Pedagogy	
MUS 899P	Music Special Topics	
<i>Capstone</i>		
MUS 897	Graduate Capstone Project	3
Electives		
Select 3 credit hours from MUS 800-MUS 899 courses or other graduate courses approved by the Graduate Music Program Committee.		3
Total Credit Hours		33

Students who do not meet minimum music GPA requirements may be admitted conditionally:

- Students must pass the Graduate Music Entrance Assessment (music history and theory) with a minimum score of 80%.
- Students who fall short of the 80% benchmark are required to enroll in MUS 402, MUS 408, or MUS 410, earn a minimum grade of "B," **and** must complete a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours with a minimum grade of "B" to meet this admission requirement.