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## Master of Music *in Music*



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 The main purpose of the Master of Music Program is to enable graduates to perform at levels of competence and responsibility equal to the technical and artistic demands of specialist or leadership roles as they are defined within the professional discipline.

The Master of Music Program offers sequences in music education, performance and theory composition, each of which requires a minimum thirty credit hours and certain terminal options. The program aims to encompass related areas of study, provide for the attainment of proficiencies requisite to career advancement, and further professional study.

### **SEQUENCES:**

**Music Education:** To explore, through research and practice, pedagogical and performance techniques applicable to leadership roles in a variety of instructional settings

**Performance:** To develop interpretive and technical skills in applied music through selected concert literature of advanced complexity as appropriate to the medium and required by professional standards of performance

**Theory-Composition:** To develop the facility for applying the science of musical structure and analysis to the creative act, and to advance and refine skills in critical analysis of available or self-created works



## CORE COURSES

MUS 590

Introduction to Music  
Research 3 cr. hrs.

Music 540-541

Analytical Techniques I, II  
2+2 cr. hrs.

(Pre-requisite, placement test  
or MUS 512)

MUS 510-511

Ensemble 1+1 cr. hrs.

MUS 535

Contemporary Music 2 cr. hrs.

In order to meet the requirements for the Master of Music in Music a student may select one of three options:

**Thesis:** Extended research on a theoretical subject. Enrollment in MUS 690 required in the initial semester. Later enrollment in MUS 750 is required if no other course is taken.

**Recital:** A public performance eighty minutes in length with lecture commentary during the course of the program. A hearing before the recital is required.

**Non-Thesis Option:** Specialized field research reporting accomplishment of innovative school program of definite merit (enrollment in Special Studies in Music Education, MUS 683-684 required).



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- An official transcript indicating the baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5
- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal statement
- Minimum of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) where applicable
- A non-refundable application fee

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Retrieve an application form from [www.nsu.edu/graduate/](http://www.nsu.edu/graduate/) or call (757) 823-8015 and request an application. Mail the completed application and supporting documents to:



## **OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

Norfolk State University

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Norfolk, VA 23504

Graduate Studies will review application materials and forward documents to the Music Department for review.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Fall Semester                      March 1

Spring Semester                October 1

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

A limited number of fellowships are available.

Please contact the department for more information.

