

2026-27

MM in Performance (Conducting)*Wind Band Track - 1 Year*

Faculty Advisor: Jason Caslor

School of Music, Dance and Theatre

graduate check sheet and guide

This program requires 32 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam. Use this degree check sheet to assist with filing your Plan of Study (required by the university) and to track your progress in your degree. The degree may be completed in three semesters over the course of one year (fall, spring, summer). Consult the 2-year check sheet on how to complete the degree in four semesters (fall and spring each year).

Required Core (4 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	527	Conducting/Band	2			
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Concentration (7 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	596	Performance with Major Ensembles	1			PERFORMED ON
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MUP	540	Principles of Integrated Conducting	2			Every other fall semester
MUP	564	Advanced Rehearsal Techniques	3			Even numbered spring semesters only - consult with faculty advisor

Wind Band Track (5 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MUP	590	Wind Band Repertoire	3			Odd numbered fall semesters only
MUP	542	Instrumental Ensembles	1			
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Other Studies in Music (11-12 credit hours) musicology (6) music theory (5-6)

Two courses in musicology and two courses in music theory are required. If you plan to complete a doctoral degree at some point, you may wish to fulfill one of your musicology course requirements with MHL 532 Music Bibliography. You must complete at least three of these courses before you are eligible to complete your written exam/portfolio requirement.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
MHL			3			
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MTC			3			
MTC			2-3			

Electives - Wind Band Track (4-5 credit hours)

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
						Choose from the list below or other graduate level courses in consultation with your faculty advisor

MUP 527 Studio Instruction	MUP 538: The Enterprising Artist
MUP 521 Studio Instruction (secondary lessons)	MUE 560: Jazz Pedagogy
MUP 542 Instrumental Ensembles	MUE 548 Intro to Research in Music Ed
MUP 562 Jazz REhearsal Techniques	MTC 540 Jazz Theory and Ear Training

Academic Advising

Dr. Jason Caslor will serve as your faculty advisor and can assist you with coursework selection. Additionally, the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Office of Academic Affairs will assist you with filing your plan of study.

MDT Graduate Student Resource Site

Enroll in the [MDT Graduate Student Resources site](#). This site is where you can find your handbooks, academic forms, how to schedule exams and more.

Student Handbooks

Student handbooks are vital to your success in the program. You should refer to them to understand various policies and procedures required for your studies.

- The Graduate Music Handbook is located on the [MDT Graduate Student Resources Site](#).
- The ASU Graduate College Handbooks are located on their [website](#).

- Students with a TA should review the TA/RA Policies and Procedures handbook through the link above.

Tips on Selecting Coursework

Many courses are offered on a rotational basis and are not necessarily offered every semester. Every course taken for your degree must have a graduate course number (500+). You will not receive graduate credit for courses at the 400-level or below. You may take courses at the 400-level or below, but the courses will not count toward your degree but will count towards your overall GPA. The [class search](#) is where you can find which courses are offered. Students on an F1/J1 visa should register for at least 9 credit hours this semester. Students on federal aid should register for at least 9 credit hours this semester to be considered full-time.

Degree Requirements

All work toward a master's degree must be completed within four consecutive years from the semester of entry.

- Take and pass all of the coursework required for your degree and concentration.
- File a Plan of Study (second semester) via the interactive iPOS system located on your MyASU page. You should also have an approved faculty committee by the end of your third semester.
- Successfully give four collaborative recitals.
- Successfully pass comprehensive written exam during the final semester of study.
- Apply for graduation in your final semester of study.

Graduate Coursework Curriculum Breakdown

The MM degree in Music is accredited through the National Association for Schools of Music (NASM) and meets the curricular requirements as indicated below.

Studies in Major Area (16 credits)

MUP 540 Principles of Integrated Conducting (2 credits)
 MUP 590 Wind Band Repertoire (3 credits)
 MUE 564 Advanced Rehearsal Techniques (3 credits)
 MUP 527 Conducting Band (4 credits)
 MUP 542 Instrumental Ensembles (2 credits)
 MUP 596 Performance with Major Ensembles (1 credit)
 MUP 597 Performance with Major Ensembles (1 credit)

Other Studies in Music (11-12 credits)

MHL Elective (6)
 MTC Elective (5-6)

Electives - Wind Band Track (4-5 credits)

Coursework to allow students to customize the degree to meet specific career interests and needs.

Sample Plan of Study for one year of coursework

Coursework (# of credit hours)	Priority Tasks
SEMESTER 1 (FALL)	
MUP 527 Conducting Band (2)	• Results from your graduate diagnostic exam in

MUP 540 Principles of Integrated Conducting (2) MUP 596 Performance with a Major Ensemble (1) MHL Course and MTC Course (6)	theory and musicology should be reviewed by your faculty advisor. • Check your ASU ID Sun Card for access. • Students on F-1/J-1 visa should discuss Curricular Practicum Training options with advisor in the MDT Office of Academic Affairs. • MUP 540 offered only every other fall - consult with faculty advisors regarding which fall semester. A course substitution may be needed. • Check your ASU ID Sun Card for access to the practice rooms. • Join a student group, chamber ensemble, etc. • Consider taking MHL 532 Bibliography (required for a DMA degree).
SEMESTER 2 (SPRING)	
MUP 527 Conducting Band (2) MUP 597 Performance with Major Ensemble (1) MHL or MTC course (3) MUE 564 Advanced Rehearsal Techniques (every other spring) (3)	• MUE 564 offered every other spring - consult with faculty advisors regarding which spring semester. • Update your Plan of Study with your full committee and any course changes by the end of the third semester.
SEMESTER 3 (SUMMER)	
MHL or MTC course (3)	• Confirm that you have an approved plan of study and complete a committee on file before the graduation deadline. • Apply for graduation through MyASU. • Register for the master's written exam/portfolio.

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You must take four MHL/MTC courses in total. Two courses (3 credits each) must be in musicology or ethnomusicology (MHL prefix). If you plan to complete a doctoral degree at some point, you may wish to fulfill one of your musicology course requirements with MHL 532 Bibliography. You must complete at least three of your four [MHL/MTC requirements](#) before you are eligible to take your written comprehensive exam which is scheduled in your final semester of study.

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Each semester, the courses offered in musicology (MHL) and music theory (MTC) are listed on the [MDT Graduate Student Resources site](#). Courses are offered on a rotational basis and are not necessarily offered every semester. The MTC courses are identified as either an analytical or non-analytical course.

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All work toward a master's degree must be completed within six consecutive years from the semester of entry.

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