MUSIC EDUCATION

Degree Requirements

**Master of Music Education (M.M.E.)**
Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

The Master of Music Education degree provides the opportunity for advanced study in music, music learning and teaching, and teaching as reflective practice. The program requires one full-time year of residency at the University Park campus, and is designed to be completed in one academic year plus two summer semesters. Fulfillment of degree requirements includes successful completion of 30 credits of course work that includes a final action research project and resultant substantial article-length paper, followed by an oral presentation focusing on the student’s projects and course work. This presentation, including questions posed by the faculty committee, serves as the final comprehensive examination. Twenty credits must be earned at the University Park campus and 18 credits must be at the 500 or 800 level, with at least 6 credits at the 500 level.

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**
Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/)

The Ph.D. in Music Education is designed to provide opportunities for the highest level of scholarly study in the processes of teaching and learning music. Students are expected to develop and test new knowledge in the field of music education while preparing themselves for positions in higher education or other leadership roles within the profession. A qualifying exam, a doctoral dissertation, and comprehensive written and oral examinations are required.