

# MUSIC, MM: CONDUCTING: CHORAL EMPHASIS

## Overview

The Master of Music in Conducting program at UW-Milwaukee's Peck School of the Arts is a comprehensive program that prepares you to become a conductor. Our program consists of coursework in conducting, music history and theory with separate emphasis areas in choral and instrumental conducting. Both emphasis areas provide opportunities for practical experience through ensemble leadership and conducting opportunities.

This concentration is designed primarily for the student with an undergraduate degree in music education or performance who wishes to pursue advanced training in conducting with a choral emphasis plus related studies in music performance and allied areas.

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## Faculty and Staff

Our inspirational faculty and staff make sure students feel welcome and empowered to think outside the box and explore all possibilities of making art at UWM. Visit the Peck School of the Arts directory (<https://uwm.edu/arts/directory/>) to meet these artists, explore their biographies and engage with recent work.

## Scholarships and Aid

Financial constraints shouldn't hinder your artistic dreams. Our comprehensive range of scholarships and aid programs (<https://uwm.edu/arts/students/scholarships-aid/>) is designed to empower and support artists like you.

## Study Abroad

We believe that a complete education in the arts should take you beyond the classroom and the local community. By studying abroad, you'll gain more than a change of scenery. You'll embark on a transformative educational experience and bring a global perspective to your field of study. Explore upcoming trips (<https://uwmilwaukee.studioabroad.com/?FuseAction=Programs.AdvancedSearch>) offered in partnership with the Center for International Education.

## Admission Requirements

Graduate applicants must meet general Graduate School admission requirements (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/admission/>) in addition to specific program requirements found on the Peck School of the Arts apply page (<https://uwm.edu/arts/apply/#tab-bqoh-graduate>).

To learn more, request a remote audio or video appointment (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/request-an-appointment/>) with the UWM Graduate School.

## Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found

by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

## Admission

A student must submit pre-screening videos. Following video review by faculty, a student may be contacted for additional material submissions or a live audition. Specific audition repertoire and application procedures can be found on the Peck School of the Arts apply page.

Diagnostic examinations in music history and theory are required of all entering and transferring graduate students before their first semester of study at UWM. Exceptions will be granted in extenuating circumstances. In no case will students be allowed to proceed beyond the first year of study without having taken the exams. The exams assist faculty in determining whether the student may proceed with required graduate courses, or whether they first need to remove deficiencies.

While prospective students are not required to submit Graduate Record Examination (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre>) scores, they are advised to take these tests before or early in their graduate work if they wish to be considered for a UWM Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship or if they plan to continue their graduate work after completing a master's degree at UWM.

## Credits and Courses

- Undergraduate music course background must include adequate preparation in music theory demonstrated through satisfactory completion of the following or equivalent courses:

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC 127	Materials of Theory I	2
MUSIC 128	Materials of Theory II	3
MUSIC 225	Materials of Theory III	3
MUSIC 123	Aural Theory I	1
MUSIC 124	Aural Theory II	1
MUSIC 226	Aural Theory III	1
MUSIC 421	Materials of Theory IV	3

- Preparation in music history and literature must be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a two-semester survey course in development of music from earliest times to the present plus one semester of more specialized music history.

Applicants exhibiting deficiencies in music history will be required to enroll in MUSIC 704, and those exhibiting deficiencies in music theory will be required to enroll in MUSIC 703; these courses must be passed with a minimum grade of "B" or better. Additionally, other areas of deficiency may require further review. Graduate Music History may count toward the degree as an elective. Credits earned in making up deficiencies in music theory do not count toward the degree. The following courses are recommended to fulfill the graduate theory elective requirement: MUSIC 680, MUSIC 731, MUSIC 744.

Minimum degree requirement is 31 graduate credits, 29 of which must be in specified music areas, 2 of which may be in one of the other areas or in a related field.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Specific Requirements</b>		
MUSIC 710	Graduate Studies in Music	3
MUSIC 711	Graduate Seminar in Music History:	3

MUSIC XXX	Graduate Theory Elective	3
MUSIC 732	Score Reading	2
MUSIC 990	Research of Thesis (Public Performance)	3
<b>Conducting</b>		
MUSIC 769	Graduate Choral Conducting I	2
MUSIC 770	Graduate Choral Conducting II	2
MUSIC 771	Graduate Choral Conducting III	2
<b>Literature</b>		
MUSIC 715	Choral Literature II	2
MUSIC 799	Advanced Independent Work	2
<b>Performance</b> <sup>1</sup>		
1 credit each for 2 semesters:		2
MUSIC XXX	Private Lessons	
<b>Ensemble</b> <sup>2</sup>		
1 credit each for 3 semesters		3
MUSIC XXX	Ensemble	
<b>Electives</b>		
General		2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students in the MM Choral Conducting emphasis must take MUSPERF 911 to satisfy the Performance requirement, and must take MUSIC 444 (previously 446).

<sup>2</sup> Ensemble will be assigned upon audition.

The program must also include MUSIC 314G, if not previously completed.

## Additional Requirements

### Comprehensive Examination

Comprehensive examinations in both music history and music theory are required following successful completion of the recital requirement.

### Recital

The student must present a recital demonstrating conducting abilities. Performance of literature from a variety of style periods, including a twentieth-century composition by an American composer, should be included. The proposed program must be approved by the Graduate Committee before the recital may be scheduled. Candidates must also prepare a written document, following all procedures as dictated by the Graduate Committee, in consultation with their main advisor. (The student should consult with the primary faculty advisor for individual area guidelines.)

### Time Limit

The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.

### Lessons, Studio Class, Convocation

Music performance instruction on the primary instrument consists of three components each week: a private lesson with the studio instructor (scheduled independently), a studio class with other students on the instrument, and a department-wide recital on Friday (Convocation) with a rotating selection of student performers.

Students are required to participate in an approved performing organization in each semester in which the student is registered for music performance instruction in the major instrument.

## Performance Ensembles

Students pursuing a music degree are required to participate in performing organizations during their course of study. Students must be registered in an approved ensemble concurrent with each semester of private study in lessons. Directors make ensemble assignments at the beginning of each semester. Only one approved ensemble credit per semester may apply toward degree requirements. The Department of Music recognizes the following approved ensembles: *Alta Voce*, *Bella Voce*, *Concert Chorale*, *Kameraden Chorus*, *Symphony Band*, *Symphony Orchestra* and *Wind Ensemble*. Other performance ensembles may be approved for music minors, students with provisional admission or in certain degree programs.

## Graduate Advising

Individual Peck School of the Arts graduate advisors are assigned upon admission. Your advisor will work closely with you during your time here. To connect with your graduate program representative, please visit the Graduate tab on the Peck School of the Arts apply page (<https://uwm.edu/arts/apply/>).

## Music Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with this degree in Music will be able to:

- Recognize and distinguish music from all periods of European art music history, and from a variety of other world cultures and traditions, based on musical and stylistic features.
- Recognize assumptions, concepts, models, and various methods in musicological and ethnomusicological work and in their own thinking and will be able to choose the most appropriate analytical tools and concepts to examine specific music.
- Interpret, analyze, critique, and reflect on art music from different critical perspectives and aesthetic viewpoints.
- Express ideas about music in written form demonstrating a mastery of factual knowledge, bibliographic resources, analytical method, critical thinking, and the ability to construct a coherent and well-organized argument.
- Perform solo instrumental or vocal repertoire, chamber music, and large ensemble music in public, in a practical demonstration of their understanding of period or cultural aesthetic ideals.
- Apply pedagogical skills appropriate to their instrument/voice, choosing performance exercises that deal with technical issues found in the repertoire, and guiding beginning students in learning music.

## Policies & Regulations

Please review the Graduate School policies and regulations (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/graduate-policies/>) and refer to each specific program for any additional items.

## Contact Information

**Advising & Student Services**  
Theatre Building, Room 120

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