

# MUSIC PERFORMANCE, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## Overview

Our curriculum for the music performance certificate is designed to provide a comprehensive and tailored musical education. With a focus on advanced performance study, you'll take part in studio lessons, large ensemble participation and specialized coursework, explore various performance areas, receive mentorship from accomplished faculty and expand your repertoire.

Whether you're pursuing the certificate as a post-baccalaureate or after completing the MM degree, our curriculum will elevate your musical skills and open doors to new opportunities.

## 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.

## Admission Requirements

Graduate applicants must meet general Graduate School admission requirements (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/admission/>) in addition to specific Peck School of the Arts requirements (<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 successfully pass an audition that demonstrates outstanding performance skills to qualify for admission to the program. Specific audition repertoire and application procedures can be found on the Peck School of the Arts apply page.

## Application

- Admission to a graduate certificate program requires formal student application through the Graduate School admissions application (<https://uwm.edu/applygrad/>) system, including the required admissions application fee.
- Certificate programs will inform the Graduate School of their admission recommendation for an applicant. The final admission decision is made by the Graduate School.
- Early application to the certificate program is recommended; late application is possible, but may incur delays for certificate conferral related to time required for credit tracking.

- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted into a certificate program.

## Credits and Courses

Certificate is a one-year program (14-18 credits) during which performers can hone skills in selected areas, including advanced repertoire and chamber music performance, through study with faculty and academic staff.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Specific Requirements</b>		
<i>Select 4 cr each for 2 semesters:</i>		
MUSPERF 7XX	Performance (Instrument/Voice Lessons)	8
<i>Select 1 cr each for 2 semesters:</i>		
MUSIC 782	Symphony Orchestra	2
MUSIC 789	Wind Ensemble	
MUSIC 795	Concert Chorale (or other appropriate large ensemble depending on instrument/voice)	
<i>Select 1-2 cr for 2 semesters:</i>		
Any graduate level Music or MusPerf class related to performing interests		4-8
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>14-18</b>

## Recital

If the student chooses, they may present a capstone performance comprising solo and/or chamber works.

## Additional Requirements

### Transfer Credit

No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.

### Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

### Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
  - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
  - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
  - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.

4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

### **Time Limit**

Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

- 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
- 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.

## **Music Performance, Graduate Certificate Learning Outcomes**

Students completing the Music Performance Certificate will be able to:

- Recognize and distinguish music from all periods of European art music history based on musical and stylistic features.
- Interpret, analyze, critique, and reflect on art music from different critical perspectives and aesthetic viewpoints and demonstrate this understanding through performance.
- 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.

### **Contact**

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