Requirements for the Master of Arts in Music Education

*Comprehensive Exam Option*

This is a specialized program designed for students with an undergraduate degree in music education who are seeking professional growth through research-based graduate study. Students should expect to spend a minimum of two years in full-time study. This degree can also be completed with part-time student status.

Graduate Music Education Program Highlights:

- Small classes taught by full-time faculty who provide personalized attention to students
- A commitment to scholarly and creative excellence
- Practical experience gained by working alongside faculty who are internationally recognized as teachers, conductors, researchers, and authors
- A supportive, collegial community of scholars
- Excellent music library with easy access to resources throughout the world
- State-of-the-art technology resources
- Experiencing the best of liberal-arts and music conservatory-style educations by participating in our joint program with the internationally renowned Cleveland Institute of Music
- Innovative MA with Licensure graduate program for musicians who are switching careers
- All programs are fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

Admission Requirements

- 3.0 GPA from a successfully completed undergraduate program in music
- Minimum one year of school teaching experience
- Evidence of written and spoken English skills

In addition to completing the online application to the University, prospective students should also send the following materials to the School of Graduate Studies (gradstudies.case.edu):

- Resume
- Copy of Teacher License or Certificate
- Writing sample

The writing sample should demonstrate good scholarly potential in the area of music education. Possible samples may include a major paper from the undergraduate degree program, an article, or a statement of philosophy of music education.

After an initial review of applicants, prospective students may be asked to interview.

Coursework

The MA degree program is formulated to suit the needs of the individual student. A minimum of 30 hours of coursework is required, including Graduate Music Education Core (12 hours), Graduate Music Core (9-12 hours), and Electives (6-9 hours). An outline of course requirements can be found on the reverse side of this information guide.
Comprehensive Oral Exam

Each of the graduate programs in Music Education requires a comprehensive written and oral examination. Preparation for this exam begins with the first class and extends through the entire course sequence. Coursework will provide students with a background in many topics as they relate to music, education, and other disciplines. The exam offers an opportunity to explore a topic more thoroughly and to demonstrate mastery of the degree content by transferring this cumulative knowledge to other music education and/or research environments. The accompanying oral presentation allows the student to think critically on the spot and apply degree content information to other areas by responding to questions and scenarios proposed by the committee.

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Successful Completion of the Comprehensive Oral Exam

TOTAL 30

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