

School of Music Graduate Program Timelines

Master of Music Program, M.M. Degree

These are general timelines for degree completion, based on regular admission, full-time enrollment, and satisfactory progress. We expect our students to make every effort to complete their degree within two-three years (average for most programs, including part-time programs). Enrollment in the summer is not required for master's students but may reduce your time to degree if courses are available. The following timeline summarizes the School of Music's expectations for student progress. Please note the academic year runs from fall (August) through summer (July).

Year One

- Attend [New Graduate Student Orientation](#) and any required trainings (e.g. New [GTA Training](#)).
- Complete all required [diagnostic exams](#) prior to your 1st semester (see [graduate calendar](#) for dates) and any required deficiency courses before the end of your 3rd semester of graduate enrollment.
- Begin coursework (700+ level recommended) to complete core requirements – Note some courses are only offered in a given semester or year, so plan accordingly.
- All MM students must take MUSC 801 or request a waiver from the Musicology (Music History) [area coordinator](#).
- Identify your faculty advisor and track your program [degree requirements](#). > [Graduate Credit Policy](#)
- Create your Master's [Graduate Advisory Committee](#) (minimum of three members of the [Graduate Faculty](#))
- Participate in academic & professional development activities and apply for [Student Opportunity](#) and [Graduate Student Travel Fund](#) if needed.

Year Two

- Complete coursework – Send updated [Degree Progress Check Sheet](#) to advisor for final review and musicgrad@ku.edu to request a graduation audit.
- Finalize your faculty committee (minimum of 3 Graduate Faculty, see [committee requirements](#) and submit the [Advisory Committee Approval Form](#).
- Complete research or performance enrollment (if applicable) and plan for any language requirements (Musicology students only, refer to [handbook](#)), final Master's Exam, Master's Recital, or Thesis Defense.
- Discuss PhD or DMA options with faculty advisor (recommended).
- Research students submit the [Research Proposal Approval Form](#) for committee approval in the 3rd semester.
- Apply for Graduation and submit your [Exam Authorization Form](#) at least 2 weeks prior to final master's exam or thesis defense - Contact your committee members to discuss your progress and plan for exam dates and recital requirements.
- Complete [Graduation Checklist](#) Requirements and verify all programs and recordings are on file (performance students only). Graduation Deadlines are posted in the [School of Music Graduate Calendar](#).

Additional Resources

- [KU Academic Catalog](#)
- [Graduate Student Welcome Guide](#)
- [Graduate Policies](#) (grading, graduate credit, full-time enrollment, academic standing)
- [Benefits for GTAs](#)
- [Recital Scheduling](#)
- [Request a Locker](#)
- [Exam & Graduation Information](#)
- [Graduate Student Health Insurance](#)
- [Application for Continuing or Multiple Degrees/Certificates](#)
- [Leave of Absence Request](#)
- [School of Music Opportunity Fund](#)
- [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
- [Financial Aid & Scholarships](#)
- [International Support Services \(ISS\)](#)
- [KU Registrar](#)
 - [Academic Calendar](#)
 - [Tuition & Fee Schedule](#)
 - [Schedule Change Info and Forms](#) (see error message section)
 - [Fee Petition Form](#)
 - [FacEx Appeals](#)

