

University of South Carolina School of Music
DOCTOR OF MUSIC ARTS: Conducting (48 credits Post-Masters)

Name _____ **Semester of Admission** _____

Major Area (26 credits including 12-credit Dissertation Requirement)

Area	Course prefix and number	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credits
Applied Study ¹ (6 credits)					
Literature/Methods ² (8 credits)					
Recital Preparation (6 credits)	MUSC 891	Recital Preparation			
Recitals ³ (3 credits)	MUSC 892	Lecture Recital			1
	MUSC 896	Solo Recital			1
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Document (3 credits)	MUSC 897	Document Preparation			

Other Studies in Music (22 credits)

Area	Course prefix and number	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credits
Research ⁴	MUSC 747	Advanced Music Research			2
Music History (6 credits)					3
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Music Theory ⁵ (6 credits)					3
					3
Other Studies ⁶ (8 credits)					

Effective: 2026–2027 bulletin year; updated 7/22/2026 by JDJ

¹ MUSC 733A, 733B, 736, or 811Y

² MUED 756, MUSC 740Y, 746, 748, or 801

³ Students must enter Candidacy before presenting a degree-applicable recital.

⁴ MUSC 707 (or an equivalent course from a prior degree) required before MUSC 747. MUSC 707 can apply to “Other Studies.”

⁵ Students must either pass the Diagnostic Exam in Music Theory or MUSC 523 before taking any degree-applicable music theory courses. MUSC 719 is encouraged before taking the DMA Exam in Music Theory.

⁶ Advisor-approved MUSC courses 700-level and above; may not include courses that have been applied to the Major Area; **cannot include more than four credits** of MUSC 734A–V and/or MUSC 735A–U in total

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Additional Requirements

Requirement	Date or Semester completed
Graduate Music Diagnostic Exam results required to register	
All requirements from Diagnostic Exams resolved	
Doctoral Candidacy Written Exam	
Doctoral Candidacy Hearing/Recital	
Semester 1 of MUSC 734	
Semester 2 of MUSC 734	
Foreign Language/Research Course	
Program of Study submitted by the end of the fourth semester	
Diction Proficiency (choral only)	
Written Comprehensive Exam	
Oral Comprehensive Exam	
Document Prospectus approved	
Document Defense	
GPA ≥ 3.0	
at least 1/2 of credit hours at 700-level exclusive of recital credit	
Residency: either two consecutive full-time semesters or 18 credits over three semesters	

Music History Courses

MUSC 743 – Seminar in Music History
MUSC 744 – Topics in Music History
MUSC 745 – Music and Culture of Tudor England
MUSC 749 – Introduction to Ethnomusicology: History, Theory, Methods, and Education
MUSC 755 – Renaissance Music
MUSC 756 – Music of the Baroque
MUSC 757 – Music of the Classical Period
MUSC 758 – Romantic Music
MUSC 759 – Music Since 1900

Music Theory Courses

MUSC 712 – Analysis of Popular Music
MUSC 715 – Analysis and Performance
MUSC 718 – Public Music Theory
MUSC 719 – Survey of Analytical Techniques
MUSC 720 – Pedagogy of Music Theory
MUSC 721 – Tonality in the Twentieth Century
MUSC 723 – Music and Repetition
MUSC 724 – Style and Technique Since 1900
MUSC 726 – Topics in Music Theory
MUSC 727 – Schenkerian Analysis
MUSC 729 – Contrapuntal Techniques
MUSC 731 – Contemporary Experimental Music
MUSC 732 – Music & Modernism
MUSC 738 – Music Cognition
MUSC 739 – Transcription and Analysis

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