

Master of Music - Music Education

Non-Thesis Option (Summer)

Students may select one of two options: with Thesis (Option A) or without Thesis (Option B). Upon entering the program all students are placed in the Option B (without thesis) program. If a student would like to transfer to the Option A (with thesis) program they should request the change after taking *Introduction to Graduate Study*.

Summer Program, Option B: Music Education without Thesis

The 30 credit hours are divided as follows (All courses are 3 credits unless noted)

Format:

Two five-week sessions in two consecutive summers plus two on-line courses typically taken between the two summers. The 2024 summer session will run from Monday, July 8 - Friday, August 9, 2024. Details are posted at <https://bit.ly/3bx2IYC>. This information will be updated for summer 2025 around the first of the year.

Required courses:

- MUCE 601 Philosophies & Issues in Music Education (odd-year summers)
- MUCE 608 Curriculum Development in the School Music Program (even-year summers)
- MUCH 611 Introduction to Graduate Study (first summer)

Required areas of study:

- Music History course (MUCH 6xx) (odd-year summers)
- Music Theory course (MUCE 6xx) (even-year summers)
- Music Performance course (MUCE 6xx) (even-year summers)

Music Education and Education Electives

- Advanced Issues in Music Education (topics vary) (second summer)
- Music Education Elective (usually with a technology focus) (odd-year summers)
- Two online courses, options vary, but typically include
 - GRED 516 Diversity & Advocacy in Education (Fall or Spring)
 - GRED 530 Classroom Management & Discipline (Fall or Spring)
 - MUCE 560 Peacebuilding Through Music Education (Summer 1 session)

Final Oral Exam for Music Education Majors

Each student in a Master of Music degree program must complete a final oral exam. The format of the oral exam for Master of Music - Music Education majors will depend on which option the student is in: Option A (Thesis option) or Option B (Non-thesis option).

For Non-Thesis Options students, an outline of their final presentation, along with a bibliography, must be submitted to the student's committee no later than four weeks before the final oral exam.

Non-Thesis Option Oral Exam Presentation

Upon entering the program, students in Non-Thesis Option (Option B) will create a list of 3 questions; one question based on curriculum work, one question based on historical/philosophical influences and one question self-generated. The oral exam for summer students will be conducted in the fall term following the student's last classes, with their degree conferred with a December date, at the end of that fall semester.

For more on the graduate orals exam, the oral committee membership, exam format, etc., see Section X of the Crane Student Handbook

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