MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSIC

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This program provides advanced study for students with highly
developed interest and attainment in specific areas of music; prepares
teachers for certain types of college music positions; provides
prospective doctoral aspirants with a sound foundation for advanced
graduate study; provides advanced academic qualifications for public
school teachers; and prepares students for professional careers in
composition. All emphases require either a culminating creative project or
a master’s thesis.

All students must complete a 9 unit core requirement and complete
an emphasis as designated below. Enrollment is required during the
semester of graduation.

Admission to Program

Students should apply by April 1 for the following fall or October 1 for
the following spring. Applicants are required to file two applications,
one with the University and one with the School of Music. Admission to
conditionally classified status requires acceptance by both the University
and the School of Music. A departmental application form may be
obtained by writing to the School of Music, or by calling (415) 338-1431.
University applications may be requested from the graduate admissions
office or online at http://grad.sfsu.edu/.

Requirements for admission to conditionally classified status in music
are as follows.

1. A baccalaureate degree, with a major in music or equivalent musical
   experience.
2. A minimum 3.0 grade point average in the last 60 units of
   undergraduate study.
3. A completed Application form (https://spreadsheets.google.com/
   viewform?key=pMytL7892vdSc-7RvdMhOA/) for graduate study in
   music.
4. A 200–500 word narrative statement of purpose. This statement
   should include a description of the applicant’s previous
   accomplishments.
5. An official copy of the applicant’s undergraduate transcripts, and
   graduate transcripts if the student has been previously enrolled in a
   program of graduate study.
6. Two letters of recommendation from current or former teachers or
   professionals who are familiar with the applicant’s qualifications.
7. Completion of Graduate Classification Examinations in Music History,
   Theory, Aural Skills and, for music education candidates, the Music
   Education Master’s Advisory Exam. These examinations must be
   taken prior to entry into the program. Students who demonstrate
   deficiencies in one or more areas may be accepted into the program
   contingent upon remediation of all deficiencies within one academic
   year of entry into the program. Undergraduate coursework taken
   to remove deficiencies may not be used as part of the 30 units required
   for the master’s degree in music.
8. Additional requirements for specific programs are:
   a. For applicants to the Master of Arts in Music with an emphasis in
      Music Education: a written description of the nature and extent of
      teaching experience. Applicants must also provide evidence of a
      valid teaching credential.
   b. For applicants to the Master of Arts program with an emphasis
      in Music History: representative examples of student analytical
      papers.
   c. For applicants to the Master of Arts program with an emphasis
      in Composition: representative scores and, if possible, tapes of
      recent musical compositions.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

Level One

Applicants to the M.A. program are required to submit writing samples,
demonstrating graduate level, discipline-specific proficiency in music
research. Samples may include writing assignments submitted to
satisfy requirements in undergraduate history courses. Applicants with
substandard writing may be considered not admissible. Students who
have recently earned an undergraduate degree from SF State may be
exempted from this requirement.

Level Two

Level Two is satisfied with satisfactory completion of the Music History
seminar from the 750 series.

Advancement to Candidacy

Advancement to candidacy occurs when an Advancement to Candidacy
(ATC) form has been completed by the student and approved by
the major advisor, college graduate coordinator, and the dean of the
Graduate Division. Prior to completion of the ATC form, the student
must have been granted fully classified status (see #7 above); have
satisfactorily completed both Written English Proficiency Requirements;
have completed at least 12 semester units applicable to the degree with
a B average or above; and have successfully completed review of the
student’s program with the faculty advisor.

Master’s Examination

All candidates for Master of Arts in Music degree must pass a
comprehensive examination that demonstrates their ability to
communicate, both orally and in writing, their command of music theory,
history, research and analytical skills, and musical repertoire. (This
examination must be taken during the semester in which the student
completes all course work.)

Music (M.A.) — Minimum 30 units

Core Requirements (9 units)

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<tr>
<td>MUS 700</td>
<td>Introduction to Graduate Study</td>
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<td>MUS 710</td>
<td>Advanced Analysis</td>
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Select one graduate seminar in Music History (MUS 750–MUS 755) 3

Music Education Emphasis (21 units)

This program is open to students who are either enrolled in the music
teaching credential program or are credentialed music teachers seeking
advanced qualifications. All candidates must hold a baccalaureate degree
from an accredited university and have satisfied the requirements for
the San Francisco State University approved subject matter program in
music education or equivalent in the candidate’s home state or country.

Music Education Courses

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<td>MUS 761/852</td>
<td>Curriculum and Instruction II: Music (on advisement)</td>
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Non-music electives on advisement 9
Students enrolled in the music teaching credential program may fulfill these units with:

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<td>S ED 751</td>
<td>Classroom Environment and Management and Professional Perspectives and Practices</td>
<td>6</td>
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Students preparing for advanced study at the doctoral level should complete a master’s thesis as a culminating project.

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<td>Music History Seminars (selected from MUS750–MUS 755)</td>
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<td>MUS 899</td>
<td>Independent Study</td>
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Electives in music on advisement

MUS 898 Master’s Thesis

Foreign Language Competency Examination (French, German, Italian, or other approved language)

Composition Emphasis (21 units)

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<td>MUS 716</td>
<td>Graduate Theory Seminar</td>
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1. Unit totals indicate the minimum requirement. Additional instruction may be required before the thesis/composition is undertaken.

2. To be successfully completed prior to advancement to fully classified status in the program.