Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition
Degree Requirements List for Catalogue Year 2016-2017

Requirement	*Units*	☑
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (MGEEs) – 0 units		
Pass each examination or corresponding review course		
Aural Skills (or MUCO 333 - 1 unit)		__
Theory/Analysis (or MUCO 300 - 1 unit)		__
Choral Conducting (MUCD 340 - 2 units)		__
Instrumental Conducting (MUCD 343 - 2 units)		__
Orchestration (MUCO 339 - 1 unit)		__
Counterpoint (review as approved by faculty)		__
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – 0 units		
Pass examination or corresponding reading course		
Select from French, German, Italian, or Spanish		__
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT – 0 units		
At least two consecutive semesters (not summers) of 6 units or more must be completed in residence.		__ __
GRADUATE COMMITTEE INTERVIEW – 0 units		
Generally held during the second semester in residence		__
BASIC DMA CURRICULUM – 20 units		
Analysis (MUCO): 501 (tonal) and 502 (post-tonal)	4	__ __
Conducting (MUCD): 441 (choral) and 443 (instrumental)	4	__ __
Music Education (MUED): 505 (teaching and learning)	2	__
Music History (MUHL): 570 and three 500-level electives	8	__ __ __ __
Ensemble: 2 units (1-1)	2	__ __
MAJOR FIELD (MUCO) – 20 units (minimum grade = B)		
Advanced Orchestration I: 536 (2)	2	__
Advanced Orchestration II: 636 (2)	2	__
Selected topics seminar: 592 (2-2)	4	__ __
Advanced Composition II: 637 (2-2)	4	__ __
Advanced Composition III: 737 (2-2)	4	__ __
"Six Pieces" presentation as part of the Comprehensive Exams	0	__
Dissertation: 794ab (2-2)	4	__ __
ACADEMIC FIELD – 8-12 units		
Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty	8-12	__ __ __ __ __
Comprehensive Examination	0	__
ELECTIVE FIELD #1 – 6-8 units		
Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty	6-8	__ __ __ __
Comprehensive Examination	0	__
ELECTIVE FIELD #2 – 6-8 units		
Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty	6-8	__ __ __ __
Comprehensive Examination	0	__
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – 0 units		
Admission to Candidacy (after all Comprehensive Examinations are passed)		__
Recital		__
Dissertation		__
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	**65**	

Of the total 65 units required, 30 may be transferred from a Master's degree, per approval by USC and the appropriate faculty.

NOTE: Review courses will not count toward the 65 total units required for degree completion.

NOTE: Reading courses will not count toward the 65 total units required for degree completion.

Important Note: This requirements list is designed to facilitate the process of planning toward degree completion. All information included here is subject to change. The USC Catalogue (catalogue.usc.edu) for the appropriate academic year is the sole and authoritative source of actual curricular requirements for all USC Thornton programs.