**Requirement** | **Units**
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**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)
**NOTE:** Review courses will not count toward the 65 total units required for degree completion.

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – 0 units**
Pass examination or corresponding reading course
Select from French, German, Italian, or Spanish
**NOTE:** Reading courses will not count toward the 65 total units required for degree completion.

**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 Teaching and Learning (MTAL): 505 (teaching and learning) 2
- Music History (MUHL): 570 and three 500-level electives 8
- Ensemble: 2 units (1-1) 2

**MAJOR FIELD – 20 units (minimum grade = B)**
- Individual Instruction (MPGU): 653 (2 units per semester) 12
- Studio Guitar Performance Class (MPGU): 558 (1-1-1-1) 4
- Guitar Ensemble (MUEN): 526 (1-1-1-1) 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)
- Three recitals *
- Lecture-recital in conjunction with research project *

*Recitals: Only one recital may be performed before the Graduate Committee Interview. Two recitals must be performed before Comprehensive Examinations.*

**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.

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