# Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance – Early Music

## Degree Requirements List for Catalogue Year 2021-2022

### 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, meet prior requirements, or take corresponding reading course*

- **Select from French, German, Italian, Spanish, or other pre-approved language**

**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*

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### BASIC DMA CURRICULUM – 20 units

- **Analysis (MUCO):** 501 (tonal) and 502 (post-tonal)  
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- **Conducting (MUCD):** 441 (choral) and 443 (instrumental)  
  4
- **Music Teaching and Learning (MTAL):** 505 (teaching and learning)  
  2
- **Music History (MUHL):** 570, 574, 575 and one 500-level elective  
  8
- **Ensemble:** 2 units (1-1)

### MAJOR FIELD – 22 units (minimum grade = B)

- **Individual Instruction:** MPEM 653 (2-2-2)
  8
- **Collegium Directing:** MPEM 650 (2-2)
  4
- **Early Music Ensemble:** MUEN 650 (1-1-1-1)
  4
- **Music History (MUHL):** 572, 589, 591 (2-2-2)
  6

### 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)  
- **Two recitals as soloist and ensemble director** *
- **Lecture-recital** *
- **Other recital** *

**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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**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](http://catalogue.usc.edu)) for the appropriate academic year is the sole and authoritative source of actual curricular requirements for all USC Thornton programs.