# Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance – Keyboard Collaborative Arts
## Degree Requirements List for Catalogue Year 2024-2025

## 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

### 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 (MPKS) – 18 units (minimum grade = B)
- Individual Instruction: 653 (2 units per semester) 12
- Baroque Interpretation: 481 (or MPKS 482 Classical Interp.) 2
- Song / Chamber Music Interpretation Master Class: 560 and 561 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 with voice(s) *
- Recital with instrument(s) *
- 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](catalogue.usc.edu)) for the appropriate academic year is the sole and authoritative source of actual curricular requirements for all USC Thornton programs.