### Requirement | Units
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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (MGEEs) – 0 units |  
Pass each examination or corresponding review course  
- Aural Skills (or MU CO 333 - 1 unit)  
- Theory/Analysis (or MU CO 300 - 1 unit)  
- Choral Conducting (MU CD 340 - 2 units)  
- Instrumental Conducting (MU CD 343 - 2 units)  
- Orchestration (MU CO 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 (MU CO): 501 (tonal) and 502 (post-tonal)  
- Conducting (MU CD): 441 (choral) and 443 (instrumental)  
- Music Teaching and Learning (MT AL): 505 (teaching and learning)  
- Music History (MU HL): 570 and three 500-level electives  
- Ensemble: 2 units (1-1)

- Major Field – 12 units (minimum grade = B) for Violin, Viola, Violincello, Harp, and Double-Bass  
  
- Individual Instruction (MP ST): 653 (2 units per semester)  
- String Chamber Music Ensembles (MU EN): 527* four units (1-1-1-1)  
  
* Double-Bass does not have this particular Strings Dept. curriculum requirement.

- Academic Field – 8-12 units  
  
- Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty  
- Comprehensive Examination

- Elective Field #1 – 6-8 units  
  
- Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty  
- Comprehensive Examination

- Elective Field #2 – 6-8 units  
  
- Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty  
- Comprehensive Examination

- Additional Requirements – 0 units  
  
- Admission to Candidacy (after all Comprehensive Examinations are passed)  
- Two solo recitals *  
- Two other appropriate performances * (as approved by faculty)  
- Participation in large ensemble (strings, winds, and percussion only)

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

- Total Units Required  
  
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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