

**Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Teaching and Learning
Degree Requirements List for Catalogue Year 2024-2025**

Requirement	<i>Units</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (MGEEs) – 0 units		
<i>Pass each examination or corresponding review course</i>		
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)	—	
<i>NOTE: Review courses will not count toward the 65 total units required for degree completion.</i>		
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – 0 units		
<i>Pass examination, meet prior requirements, or take corresponding reading course</i>		
Select from French, German, Italian, Spanish, or other pre-approved language	—	
<i>NOTE: Reading courses will not count toward the 65 total units required for degree completion.</i>		
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT – 0 units		
<i>At least two consecutive semesters (not summers) of 6 units or more must be completed in residence.</i>		
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GRADUATE COMMITTEE INTERVIEW – 0 units		
<i>Generally held during the second semester in residence</i>		
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BASIC DMA CURRICULUM – 18 units		
Analysis (MUCO): 501 (tonal) and 502 (post-tonal)	4	— —
Conducting (MUCD): 441 (choral) and 443 (instrumental)	4	— —
Collegiate Teaching (MTAL): 652* (teaching and learning)	2	— (*Replaces MTAL 505 taken by other majors.)
Music History (MUHL): Three 500-level electives	6	— — —
Ensemble: 2 units (1-1)	2	— —
MAJOR FIELD (MUED) – 30 units (minimum grade = B)		
Research Foundations: 500 (This replaces MUHL 570 required by other majors.)	3	—
Sociological Foundations of Music Teaching and Learning: 502	3	—
Philosophical and Advocacy Issues in MTAL: 503	3	—
Alternative Models in MTAL: 607	2	—
Assessment and Reflective Practice: 615	2	—
Choose 6 elective units from within the MTAL department.	6	— — — —
Quantitative Research in MTAL: 720	3	—
Qualitative Research in MTAL: 721	3	—
Research: MTAL 790	1	—
Dissertation MTAL794ab (2-2) & continue as needed until completion	4	— —
Comprehensive Examination Papers/Projects	0	—
ACADEMIC FIELD – 8-12 units		
<i>Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty</i>	8-12	— — — — —
Comprehensive Examination	0	—
ELECTIVE FIELD #1 – 6-8 units		
<i>Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty</i>	6-8	— — — —
Comprehensive Examination	0	—
ELECTIVE FIELD #2 – 6-8 units		
<i>Coursework to be arranged with appropriate faculty</i>	6-8	— — — —
Comprehensive Examination	0	—
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – 0 units		
Admission to Candidacy (after all Comprehensive Examinations are passed)		—
Dissertation		— —
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	65	
<i>Of the total 65 units required, 30 may be transferred from a Master's degree, per approval by USC and the appropriate faculty.</i>		

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.