

Master of Music in Composition

2024 Catalogue Year

Two-Year Course Plan

Total Number of Graduate Units Required for the Degree: 30*

<u>First Year -- Fall</u>			<u>Units</u>
MUCO	537	Advanced Composition	2
MUHL	570	Research Methods and Techniques	2
MUEN	5XX	Elective Ensemble	1
M__	501	Individual Instruction**	1
		Music Elective/MGEE Review*	2
Total Units:			8

<u>First Year -- Spring</u>			<u>Units</u>
MUCO	537	Advanced Composition	2
MU__	5XX	Composition or MUHL Elective	2
MUEN	5XX	Elective Ensemble	1
M__	501	Individual Instruction**	1
MUCO	536	Advanced Orchestration I	2
Total Units:			8

<u>Second Year -- Fall</u>			<u>Units</u>
MUCO	537	Advanced Composition	2
MU__	5XX	Composition or MUHL Elective	2
M__	501	Individual Instruction**	2
MUCO	592	Selected Topics in Composition***	2
Total Units:			8

<u>Second Year -- Spring</u>			<u>Units</u>
MUCO	537	Advanced Composition	2
MU__	5XX	Composition or MUHL Elective	2
		Music/General Elective (400-500)	2
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		GRADUATE RECITAL	
		COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW	
		COMPOSITION PORTFOLIO	
Total Units:			8

Refer to the 2024-2025 University of Southern California Catalogue for course descriptions.

* This plan has a total of 32 units. Therefore, a student can take up to 2 units worth of MGEE review courses and stay within 8 units each semester. Any additional review courses can result in an increase in the total number of units in order to satisfy all degree requirements. All MGEE requirements must be completed within the first year of your program of study.

**Individual Instruction: 4 units can be comprised of lessons in any performance medium, music technology (MTEC), or conducting (MUCD). Individual instruction can be taken for 1 or 2 units a semester. Conducting classes at the 400-500 level (2 units) can also apply to this requirement.

***MUCO 592 may be substituted with another approved MUCO 400-500 level elective.

Electives: Your degree program requires 8 elective units. 4 units of electives must be within the Thornton School. The other 4 can be from any other school or department at USC but must be at the 400-500 level. Consult your advisor if you plan to take non-Thornton electives as they may have pre-requisites or particular D-clearance requirements. MGEE review courses do not count as general elective units.

MGEE Review Courses

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
MUCO 300 Theory Review	1
MUCO 333 Aural Skills Review	1
MUCO 339 Orchestration Review	1
MUCO 338 Counterpoint Review	1
MUCD 340 Choral Conducting I	2
MUCD 343 Instrumental Conducting I	2

MUHL Elective Courses

MUHL 586 Special Studies in Music of the Classical Period	2
MUHL 588 Special Studies in Music Since 1900	2
MUHL 589 Seminar in Baroque Repertoires	2

MUCO Elective Courses

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
MUCO 501 Intro to Analysis of Tonal Music	2
MUCO 502 Intro to Analysis of Post-Tonal Music	2
MUCO 531 Adv. Tonal Analysis: Reduction	2
MUCO 534 Adv. Post-Tonal Analysis: Pitch	1
MUCO 550 Teaching Music Theory	2
MUCO 572♦ Comparative Analytical Studies	2
MUCO 499 Special Topics	2

♦The prerequisite for MUCO 531 is MUCO 501.

♦The prerequisite for MUCO 534 is MUCO 502.

♦MUCO 572 is a variable topic class each semester.