

Master of Music in Performance – Studio Guitar **2026 Catalogue Year**

Requirements		Total Units	Record of Progress			
MUEN--Music Ensembles						
526	Guitar Ensemble	2	___	(1)	___	(1)
5__	500-level elective ensembles	2	___	(1)	___	(1)
Note: all ensembles are 1 unit per semester. Many ensembles require that you participate for the entire academic year (fall						
MUHL--Music History						
570	Research Materials and Techniques	2	___			
578	Music Since 1900* (*substituted with MUHL 588)	2	___			
5__	500-level music history elective	2	___			
MPGU--Studio Guitar						
553	Individual Instruction	8 (4 x 2)	___	___	___	___
558	Advanced Studio Guitar Performance Class	4 (4 x 1, FaSp)	___	___	___	___
Electives						
Music electives at the 400-500 level		4	___	___		
Non-music or music electives (400 or 500 level)		4	___	___		
Project Requirements						
Two graduate recitals*		0	___	___		
Comprehensive Review		0	___			
Total:		30 units**				

* You are required to perform two recitals, the first of which may occur at any time in your program that you and your instructor agree upon. The final recital may not be performed until the semester after all entrance exam requirements have been met, whether that involves passing all exams, successfully completing review courses, or any combination thereof. In order to receive degree credit for recitals, you must make sure that Music Student Affairs receives a signed recital report card along with two copies of the recital program for each recital. Check with your Department Coordinator for more specifics on this process.

** Entrance exams and their corresponding review courses for this major are as follows:

Aural Skills (MUCO 333-1 unit)	___
Theory/Analysis (MUCO 300-1 unit)	___
Orchestration (MUCO 339-1 unit)	___

If a student does not pass the entrance exams in these areas, s/he must take the appropriate review courses during the first two semesters of the program. As these courses are at the 300 level (e.g., MUCO 333), they are not considered graduate courses and cannot be used to fulfill elective credit toward the M.M. Therefore, they will add units to the total number of units you will need to take to complete your degree.

Students who hold a Bachelor of Music or a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Thornton School of Music are exempt from any examinations in fields in which they have taken comparable coursework.

Time to Degree

The degree is set up so that a student may earn the M.M. in 4 semesters at 8 units each semester, for a total of 32 units. Because the degree only requires 30 units, this allows for 2 units of review courses to be taken with these 4 full-time semesters. If a student passes all of the required entrance exams, s/he may obtain the degree with only 30 units, and will not be required to be at 8 units all four semesters. If, however, a student has to take more than 2 units of review courses, s/he will need to register for more than 8 units during one or more of the four semesters.

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