PhD in Music Education
Degree Timeline

These suggested timelines should be used as guides when creating a student’s degree plan. Students must submit the degree plan by the end of the second semester of study.

First Semester  Register for 9-12 credits.
1. Review the degree plan and begin to map out the timeline for completing the degree (see 6.12 in the Graduate Handbook).

Second Semester  Register for 9-12 credits.
2. Declare a Cognate in consultation with major professor.
3. Submit Doctoral degree plan to the School of Music Graduate Studies Office.
4. Fulfill the residency requirement by completing at least two successive semesters as a full-time student.

Third Semester  Register for 9-12 credits.
5. Establish doctoral committee in consultation with major professor.

Fourth Semester  Register for 9-12 credits.

Fifth Semester  Register for 9-12 credits.
7. Take written and oral Comprehensive Exams (see 6.7 in the Graduate Handbook). Once the Comprehensive Exams are passed doctoral candidacy is granted.
8. Submit and present dissertation proposal to doctoral committee.

Sixth Semester  Register for MUSE 9000
9. At the beginning of the semester, apply to graduate (see 6.11 in the Graduate Handbook).
10. Submit approved dissertation to your doctoral committee at least one month in advance of the defense (see 6.10 in the Graduate Handbook).
12. Submit a copy of the final version of the document/dissertation to the Graduate School.