**Emphasis - Music Theory**

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**M.M. in Music**

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The Master of Music is an advanced professional degree designed to develop a particular area in music to a high level of specialization. The university offers the M.M. with the following emphases: 1) performance in woodwind, brass, string, or percussion instruments, piano, and voice; 2) music education; 3) choral conducting; 4) musicology; 5) music theory; 6) ethnomusicology; and 7) collaborative piano.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30**

**Emphasis - Music Theory**

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The M.M. degree with an emphasis in music theory is an advanced professional degree designed to give the student a broad research background while also providing a 24-credit specialization. A thesis is required.

**Course Requirements**

Requirements for the M.M. degree with emphasis in Music Theory are as follows (36 hours):

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**Other Academic Requirements**

In addition to course work, students must complete a thesis and must pass a thesis defense.

1. **Thesis**

A. A student must be in full standing to enroll in Mus 697 (Thesis).
B. For information concerning format, procedures, and specifications of thesis, consult the Graduate Student's Handbook and A Manual of Theses, Doctoral Essays and Dissertations (available at the Graduate School).
C. Students must be enrolled for at least 3 hours during the semester in which they intend to graduate.
D. A thesis committee is formed by the major professor in consultation with the student and the Graduate Program Coordinator. The committee shall consist of the major professor, another representative of the student's emphasis, and a graduate music faculty member from outside the student's area of emphasis.
E. The thesis must be presented to all members of the committee in its completed form at least two weeks prior to the thesis defense.

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