

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF MUSIC

DOCTOR OF MUSIC IN  
VOICE PERFORMANCE

Degree will appear on final transcript and diploma as:

Program: Music Performance

Major: Voice

**This degree is offered to candidates who have achieved distinction in public performance and who demonstrate ability to execute research and scholarly study.**

**I. Credit Requirements**

*The Doctor of Music degree requires a minimum of 94 semester credits beyond the bachelor's degree. Thirty (30) credits from the master's degree count toward the 94, and the remaining 64 credits are completed at FSU (40 credits of coursework plus 24 credits of recitals and treatise). Note: If the student received their Master's Degree from the College of Music, all graduate-level credits (except for remedial History and Theory) count toward the Doctorate.*

**II. Diagnostic Examination**

*The area may (or may not) require this examination. Please consult with the Area Coordinator for more information.*

**III. College of Music, Residence / Scholarly Engagement Requirement**

***NOTE: The following Scholarly Engagement Requirement for all doctoral students goes into effect Fall, 2016. Returning doctoral students who have not yet completed the current 24/12 Residency Requirement may elect this new Scholarly Engagement Requirement instead:***

*Please consult the current Florida State University Graduate Bulletin for an overview of the Scholarly Engagement requirement for all doctoral students in the university. To meet the Scholarly Engagement requirement, College of Music doctoral students must 1) complete 24 graduate (5000-level or above) credit hours within any consecutive 12-month period; **or** 2) complete a minimum of eighteen (18) graduate credit hours in any consecutive 12-month period and submit to their Area Coordinator and/or faculty advisor evidence of additional Scholarly Engagement activities equivalent to 6 credit hours prior to completion of the degree. These activities may include enrolling in courses (additional credit hours); attending or presenting/performing in seminars, masterclasses, workshops, symposia, conferences and festivals; engaging in creative activities, research and collaborative study beyond the university campus; utilizing the library, laboratories and other facilities provided by the University; and other scholarly or creative activities **as determined by area faculty** and approved by the area coordinator and by the Director of Graduate Studies for the College of Music.*

*In sum, doctoral students in the College of Music must complete 24 Scholarly Engagement "points", with each credit hour counting as one point and points for other activities determined by each area and degree program. **Please consult the Program of Studies and your major professor for information on Scholarly Engagement activities recommended in your degree program.***

**IV. Language Requirements**

*Languages and other proficiencies will be determined by the voice area and the major professor in consultation with the student.*

## V. Required Coursework (30 credits from MM; 64 credits from FSU)

- A. Major Area – 22 hours must be taken at FSU, as indicated below(\*)** **60**
- \* MVV 6461 Voice lessons for four (4) semesters (16 cr.)
  - \* MVV 5651 Seminar in Vocal Pedagogy (2 cr.)
  - \* MVV 6978 Doctoral Voice Recital and Repertoire Coaching for two (2) semesters (4 cr.)
  - Other Major Area courses (10 cr.)

Voice/Opera Literature (4 cr.)

- Four (4) credits of graduate-level voice/opera literature, not including MUL 5620 and 5621.

Recitals and Treatise (24 combined credits, from FSU)

- MVV 6985 Public Recital (1-4 cr.)
- MVV 6989 Performance of major work with large ensemble accompaniment (1-4 cr.)
- MVV 6987 Lecture Recital/Demonstration...Optional second Lecture Recital (1-4 cr.): see Treatise Options below.
- MUS 6979r Doctoral Treatise (minimum 4 cr.)

*In addition, one of the following must be chosen with approval of the supervisory committee:*

- MVV 6986 Public Recital (1-4 cr.)
- MVV 6989 Performance of major work with large ensemble accompaniment (1-4 cr.)

- B. Other Studies in Music** **8**

- Music History OR Theory/Composition (6 cr.)  
(Must all be in one or the other area.)  
(MUH 5219 and MUT5051 credits do **NOT** count toward any part of degree requirement.)
- MUS 5711 Music Bibliography (2 cr.)  
(or substitute if taken during master's program; must be approved by Director of Graduate Studies in Music)

- C. Electives** **26**

*(Must include at least six hours of elective coursework – not 1-1 study – to be taken at Florida State University in a specialized area of study such as voice/opera literature, voice science/pedagogy, or any other area approved by the student's supervisory committee. May include one credit each of MUL 5620 and 5621. May include up to 8 credits of non-music courses.)*

**Students must also enroll for the following:**

**Preliminary Exam (0 cr.)**

*The Doctoral Preliminary Examination consists of written and oral sections and is taken when the student has completed all course work or in the final semester of coursework. It is the responsibility of the student's major professor to determine when a student must take the examination. The student must be registered for MUS 8964 (0 credit) during the semester in which the examination is taken.*

**\*\*Treatise Defense (0 cr.)**

*The student must be registered for MUS 8985 (0 credit) during the semester in which the defense is conducted.*

**\*\* Treatise:**

*The treatise is a formal written document for which a prospectus has been submitted and approved by the supervisory committee. It must involve research and may be based on either of the following options:*

**\*\*All Treatise submission requirements and University deadlines are applicable to both of the options below.\*\***

**Option 1.** *An extensive research document of a minimum of 12,000 words, not including front and back matter such as title page, table of contents, lists of figures, bibliography and appendices.*

**Option 2.** *A research document based on two public lecture recitals, each lecture comprised of a minimum of 2500 words plus figures and examples. The document will comprise a minimum of 6,000 words, not including front and back matter.*

**Note:**

- a. Whether the prospectus for the treatise is required prior to or following the lecture recitals is determined by each area or the supervisory committee.
- b. Following submission of the completed treatise to the supervisory committee an oral defense with the committee is required. The treatise defense is held after completion of the two lecture recitals and submission of the treatise to the committee.
- c. Guidelines for selection of music for lecture recitals are determined by each area or the supervisory committee. Guidelines may include consideration of genre and historical periods or other aspects an area might determine.

**Go to the following link to access the Treatise and Dissertation Handbook:**

<http://www.music.fsu.edu/Current-Students/Graduate/Treatise-and-Dissertation-Handbook/Treatise-and-Dissertation-Handbook>

The following recommended courses fulfill music theory and music history requirements, and also require research and/or writing that will help prepare doctoral students to write their treatise:

MUS5939-xx Popular Music Analysis  
 MUT5619 Vocal Forms  
 MUT5625 Instrumental Forms  
 MUT5628 Atonal Analysis  
 MUT5573 Music Since 1945  
 MUH 5325 Middle Ages  
 MUH 5335 Renaissance  
 MUH 5345 Baroque  
 MUH 5355 18th Century  
 MUH 5365 19th Century  
 MUH 5375 20th Century  
 MUH 5536 African Soundscapes  
 MUH 5635 US 1  
 MUH 5636 US 2  
 MUH 5576 Music of Indonesia

**NOTE:** MUH 5219 and MUT 5051 are remedial (or review) courses, and they do not fulfill degree requirements under any circumstances. There are no exceptions to this policy.

These courses address past curricular deficiencies and/or comprehension levels of core curricular content, as determined by graduate music classification and placement assessments. Successful completion of these remedial (review) courses prepares students for graduate-level content courses in the disciplines of Music History and Music Theory.

Additional remediated coursework, in other curricular areas, may be required of a student as-well-as determined by Area faculty.

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