

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

KATHRINE G. McGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Moores School of Music

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS IN COMPOSITION

PURPOSE: To provide advanced training and experience for students pursuing a career in composition, and to prepare students to teach composition at the collegiate level.

MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Master's degree in music.
2. Minimum GPA of 3.00 for all graduate work attempted.
3. Submission of TOEFL or IELTS scores (as applicable) that meet University of Houston minimum standards.
4. Appropriate graduate-level composition ability as determined in an examination by composition faculty of previous composition work, presented in score and recorded format.

MINOR FIELD: Student shall, in consultation with their doctoral committee and the Graduate Advisor, declare a minor field, consisting of 12 credit hours approved by the committee and the coordinator of the minor field area.

RECITAL REQUIREMENT: Students are required to present one full recital of chamber compositions for various media and one major work presented in public performance or reading.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT: Students must pass a comprehensive examination in order to gain admission to candidacy.

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DEGREE PROGRAM:

| COURSE NUMBER | COURSE NAME | CREDITS |
|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| MUSA 8330 | Doctoral Applied Composition* | 18 |
| MUSI 6104 | AURA Contemporary Music Ensemble | 4 |
| MUSI 6100 or MUSI 8106 | Chamber Music; or Doctoral Large Ensemble | 4 |
| MUSI 8300 | Doctoral Research Seminar | 3 |
| MUSI 8302 | Seminar in Composition and Theory Pedagogy | 3 |
| MUSI 8303 | Doctoral Seminar in Music Theory | 3 |
| MUSI 8380 and 8381 | Contemporary Analysis I and II | 6 |
| | Minor field courses | 12 |
| MUSA 8240 | Doctoral Recital 1 (Chamber Works) | 2 |
| MUSA 8241 | Doctoral Recital 2 (Major Work) | 2 |
| | Document or Essay Requirements (see below) | 4 |
| TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: | | 61 |

DOCTORAL DOCUMENT TRACK REQUIREMENTS (4 HRS):

MUSI 8299; or Doctoral Document
MUSI 8499

DOCTORAL ESSAY TRACK REQUIREMENTS (4 HRS):

Free Graduate Elective† (2 hrs)
MUSI 8296 Doctoral Essay

* Additional hours of applied study in the major area are not applied toward the degree plan. Graduate students enrolled for applied study are required to also enroll in an appropriate large ensemble.

† Additional hours of applied music, large ensemble, or doctoral document/essay will not satisfy the free elective requirement.