

Suggested Timeline for a Five-Year Master of Arts in Music Education

A student in this degree program would enroll in the typical sequence of music and UCORE courses in their first, second, and third years of school. The student should express their interest in the Five-Year program to the Graduate Program Coordinator and their undergraduate academic advisor by their junior year. This degree *cannot* be started after the beginning of their senior year, so there is a time-sensitive step here. Below is a suggested timeline for degree completion.

Year 3, second semester

- The student performs their Senior Qualifying Exam and applies to the College of Education.
 - *The Senior Qualifying Exam should be recorded to be used as part of the student's graduate application.*
- Upon a successful Senior Qualifying Examination, the student is advised to proceed with the program.

Year 4, first semester

- Most of the courses in this semester will be at the undergraduate level.
- The student performs their Senior Half Recital.
- The student enrolls in **MUS 560** (Introduction to Graduate Studies in Music) for 2 credits.
 - To enroll, the student will complete the Reservation of Graduate Credit form from the Graduate School forms page: <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/facultystaff-resources/18-2/>.
 - *The form should be signed by the undergraduate academic advisor, the Graduate Program Coordinator, and the student.*
 - Once the student fills out that form and obtains the required signatures, the student submits it to gradschool@wsu.edu.
- The student applies to the WSU Graduate School by the published deadline.
 - *Five-Year MA students apply just like every other graduate applicant.*
 - See the School of Music Graduate Studies page for application requirements (<https://music.wsu.edu/graduate-studies/>).
- The student also applies to graduate from their undergraduate program in myWSU.
 - This should be in consultation with their undergraduate academic advisor and the College of Education.
 - *Select courses must be flagged as "waived" in the system for the Graduate School to recognize the student has switched from undergraduate to graduate status.*

Year 4, second semester

- The student is officially a graduate student and takes graduate-level courses.
- The student assembles their MUS 702 committee and completes a Program of Study in consultation with the Graduate Program Coordinator.
 - *The student works on their MUS 702 project over the summer.*

Year 5, first semester

- The student continues with graduate-level courses and is enrolled for 2 credits of MUS 702.

Year 5, second semester

- The student enrolls for 2 credits of MUS 702 and completes their final examination.
- This semester they also finish block courses in the College of Education.

Year 6, first semester

- This is the student teaching semester.
- The student applies to graduate by the published deadline.
- The student receives the Master of Arts degree.