Music - Composition, M.M.

The Composition major will help prepare students in the field of music composition to develop a higher level of proficiency in composing music in a variety of genres for a variety of instrumental and vocal combinations. Students learn to put together recitals of their music and/or special performances of their works.

This major also allows individuals to pursue areas of special and related interest through elective studies. The University of Central Oklahoma is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

• Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
• Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. Completion of an appropriate undergraduate program (or equivalent for international students) and demonstration of at least baccalaureate-level competence in those areas considered common to all undergraduate study in music as outlined in Sections VII or VIII of the National Association of Schools of Music Handbook. Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum 2.50 GPA overall or 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
• Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency (p.15).
• Evidence of a successful audition. Consult the School of Music home page for more details. Application to the Jackson College of Graduate Studies must be completed prior to the audition.

“Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See Admissions to Graduate Studies (p.13).

Other Requirements

• Entrance Advisory Examination. Complete the written Entrance Advisory Examination in music history, music theory, and writing skills after admission to the graduate program and prior to attending classes. A passing grade of 70% is required. Students falling below 70% may make up any deficiency in an individual area or areas by enrolling in Music History Survey, Music Theory survey, and Writing About Music as determined by the graduate advisor. These courses must be completed with a grade of B or better.

• Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with the graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.

• Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  ◦ Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  ◦ No more than 6 hours of “C”.
  ◦ No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
  ◦ Culminating Project. Candidates in each major must successfully complete a culminating project. Composition majors must, under supervision, complete and have performed a major composition and/or present a recital of their original compositions, which will be evaluated by a committee of three relevant members of the graduate faculty in the field.
  ◦ Comprehensive Examination. The degree candidate must at the end of study pass a comprehensive examination based on all previous instruction and relevant general knowledge of music. The comprehensive Examination will consist of both written and oral examinations. No later than the final week of the previous semester, the candidate must inform the graduate advisor of the readiness to take the examination in the following semester. The Comprehensive Examination Committee will consist of the candidate’s major instructor, one member of the academic music faculty and a member of the graduate faculty in music of the candidate’s own choosing.
  ◦ Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Core Courses.................................................14-16 Hours

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Pedagogy.................................................................2-3 Hours  
The specific pedagogy class taken is determined by a student's major of study.
- MUED 5433 Secondary Vocal Methods
- MUED 5843 Instrumental Methods
- MUED 5853 Elementary Music Methods
- MUS 5202 Adv Vocal Pedagogy
- MUS 5512 Brass Pedagogy
- MUS 5522 Woodwind Pedagogy
- MUS 5532 String Pedagogy
- MUS 5542 Percussion Pedagogy
- MUS 5613 Jazz Pedagogy
- MUS 5453 Music Theory Pedagogy
- MUS 5743 Music History Pedagogy
- MUS 5882 Piano Pedagogy

Music Technology .........................................................2 Hours
- MUS 5372 Computer Music Tech

Graduate Project or Recital ........................................2-3 Hours
- MPER 5822 Graduate Recital
- MUS 5980 Graduate Project (3 hours)
- MUED 5980 Graduate Project (3 hours)

Required Composition Major Courses .......... 16-18 Hours

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Guided Electives ...................................................3-5 Hours  
To be chosen from among supportive disciplinary training as defined by NASM standards.

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ........................................... 32 HOURS