

# Music (MA)

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*This program is offered by the Leigh Gerding College of Fine Arts and is only available at the St. Louis main campus.*

## Program Description

Webster University offers the master of arts (MA) in music for students who desire a more general course of study.

The MA in music is offered without an official area of emphasis, although any one or more of several fields within music may be studied through elective courses that meet individual needs and career goals.

In contrast to the performance-related master of music (MM), academic studies in music and related fields are emphasized in the MA in music degree program. Performance and creative musical endeavors, however, will be central to the course of study for many students.

Graduates of the MA program will be qualified to teach applied music in the studio, teach music in private or public school (if you have teacher certification), perform with or conduct ensembles, compose or arrange music, pursue doctoral studies in music, or establish an expertise in any one or several additional areas.

The MA program conforms to the guidelines specified by the National Association of Schools of Music for accreditation. Webster University is a full member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Webster University also offers the master of music (MM) with a major in composition, jazz studies, and performance. The MM in performance is available in three emphasis areas: orchestral instruments; piano, organ, or guitar; voice.

## Learning Outcomes

Students with the master of arts in music will:

- Perform music at a level appropriate to the student's needs and interests.
- Articulate through writing, speaking, and other media an understanding of the theoretical, historical, and aesthetic frameworks of a variety of musics and musical cultures.
- Apply and integrate aural skills, analysis, and sociohistorical knowledge to the study and interpretation of various musics.

## Admission

See the Admission section of this catalog for general admission requirements. Students interested in applying must submit their application online at [www.webster.edu/apply](http://www.webster.edu/apply). Transcripts should be sent from your institution electronically to [transcripts@webster.edu](mailto:transcripts@webster.edu). If this service is not available, send transcripts to:

Office of Admission  
Webster University  
470 E. Lockwood Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63119

## Additional Requirements

Requirements for admission to the MA in music program include:

- An official transcript that documents the awarding of a baccalaureate degree in music from an accredited institution.
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- Other areas as approved by the Chair of the Department of Music

## Required Courses

### Core Music Courses

- MUSC 5100, MUSC 5110 Analytical Techniques I, II (6 hours)
- MUSC 5120 Seminar in Music Literature (3 hours)
- MUSC 5210 Seminar in Music Pedagogy (3 hours)

### Performance Courses

#### Applied Lessons

*Two semesters (4 hours) to be selected from:*

- MUSC 5001 Applied Piano (2 hours per semester)
- MUSC 5002 Applied Voice (2 hours per semester)
- MUSC 5003 Applied Jazz (2 hours per semester)
- MUSC 5004 Applied Instrument (2 hours per semester)
- MUSC 5005 Applied Organ (2 hours per semester)

#### Major Ensemble

*Two semesters (2 hours) to be selected from:*

- MUSC 4900 Webster University Chorale (1 hour per semester)
- MUSC 4910 Webster University Chamber Singers (1 hour per semester)
- MUSC 4920 Webster University Aurelia (1 hour per semester)
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