



**The master of music and master of music in music education programs at Texas State University prepare graduates to flourish in the disciplines of music teaching, history, conducting, composition, performance and interpretation.**

The music faculty at Texas State received their training from the finest conservatories and universities in the world, including the Peabody Institute, Indiana University, New York University, Manhattan School of Music, Michigan State University, Eastman School of Music, New York University, Northwestern University, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin, to name a few.

To ensure that students' education is well-rounded and creatively inspired, Texas State offers plenty of performance opportunities, including participation in opera productions, choir, orchestra, concert and marching bands, chamber ensembles, award-winning mariachi and salsa ensembles, and other vibrant cultural music groups.

Students completing graduate degrees in music will find a wide variety of career options such as:

- teaching in public schools, private schools or colleges
- composing/arranging music for film, professional ensembles or commercial projects
- directing church music programs
- performing with opera companies, symphony orchestras, jazz ensembles or commercial bands
- serving as producer or consultant for musical projects
- performing in musical theatre
- conducting professional ensembles
- authoring or editing music publications

## Course Work

The School of Music offers advanced study in music education, performance, conducting, music theory, composition, and music history and literature. The degree requirement for the master of music is 36 semester hours, which include a core curriculum of 12 semester hours, 12 semester hours of study within one of 15 specializations offered, and 12 semester hours of electives.

## Music Concentrations

### No thesis required

- voice performance
- woodwind, brass or percussion performance
- keyboard, string or guitar performance
- choral conducting
- instrumental conducting
- composition
- Latin music performance
- jazz performance

### Thesis required

- music theory
- history and literature

## Music Education Concentrations

### No thesis required

- choral music
- instrumental music
- Kodály Pedagogy
- general music
- Latin music

## Kodály Certification Program — Levels I, II and III

In association with Hays CISD, Texas State offers classes leading toward the Kodály Certification as well as the master of music degree in Kodály Pedagogy. This program, certified by the Organization of American Kodály Educators, requires three summers of attendance. Studies include solfège, pedagogy, folk materials, conducting and choir during special workshop sessions. For more information, visit [www.music.txstate.edu](http://www.music.txstate.edu).

## Creative Opportunities

Students may take lessons in one of many private studios. Lessons are offered in voice, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, violin, viola, cello, contrabass, guitar, harpsichord, piano, organ, percussion, traditional composition, and electronic/computer music composition.

Students also have opportunities to perform as soloists and in a variety of large and small musical groups, including choirs, marching and concert bands, wind, jazz, guitar and new music ensembles, and orchestra.

## Admission Policy

All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university. A minimum GPA of 2.75 on the last 60 undergraduate semester hours of letter-grade work earned before receipt of a bachelor's (plus any previously completed graduate

or professional work) is required. Applicants are expected to have an undergraduate degree in music in order to have the necessary background for graduate study in this field.

Before prospective students are approved for one of the music education specializations, they are expected to have certification to teach public school music and to have an interview with the appropriate music education faculty. Those students who do not possess a teacher's certificate must satisfy a deficiency plan in music education to pursue the M.M. degree with one of the specializations under Music – Music Education.

Submit the following directly to the Graduate College:

- the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- application fee
- an official transcript from each four-year college attended
- three letters of recommendation

Submit the following directly to the School of Music for application to the music program:

- audition (for performance emphasis) OR writing sample, non-fiction (for history and literature emphasis) OR portfolio (for all other emphases)
- interview with the graduate studies coordinator
- placement tests

Submit a portfolio to the School of Music for application to the music education program.

Visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply) for access to an online application, where to submit application documents and additional details. Applications must be submitted by June 15 for the fall semester, October 15 for the spring semester and April 15 for the summer semester.

## Financial Assistance

The School of Music offers scholarships as well as a limited number of instructional assistantships. To apply, send a letter of interest, a current résumé, and three letters of recommendation to the director of graduate studies in music by March 1.

Scholarships are available to qualified students on a competitive basis through the Graduate College. For more information, visit the Graduate College website at [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) and click on *Financing Your Graduate Education*. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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