

Conducting (MMusic)

Students in this major study the artistic, technical, physical, and leadership principles and skills required of successful conductors at the professional and postsecondary levels. Intensive coursework in conducting, score study, analysis, musicology, and theory is combined with opportunities to conduct University ensembles. Individual courses of study are tailored to prepare students for advanced careers as artists and teachers.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Entering students should have a bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) from an accredited institution.

All applicants are required to furnish a statement of intent in graduate study and three letters of reference pertaining to their potential for graduate work in conducting. Graduate Record Examinations scores are not required for students pursuing degrees in conducting. Those seeking admission to the degree program in conducting must submit prescreening videos before arranging for a live audition on campus. Detailed instructions can be found on the [Butler School of Music graduate admissions website](#).

Diagnostic examinations in music theory and in music history and literature are required of all students before registration for the first semester of graduate work. Passing these examinations or remedying deficiencies by completing assigned courses is necessary for the completion of every degree and is a prerequisite for doctoral comprehensive examinations.

Total hours required: 30

Requirements

The Master of Music degree is offered with a major in conducting. A comprehensive examination is required of all master's degree candidates, usually in the final semester of study. Details of departmental requirements in the various areas of concentration are available from the graduate admissions coordinator.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Fine Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		