Graduate Course of Study Suggestions
Choral Track – 36 semester hours of credit

The following options have been created to help graduate students plan their curriculum over the three summers required to complete the Master of Music Education degree program at VanderCook College of Music. Each summer’s course of study is designed to provide a balanced workload for the student. Please note: all students have the option of completing three six-week residency summers. Taking courses in the MECA program is not mandated.

**Option 1**

First Summer (12 credits)
- Introduction to Graduate Study (2)
- Vocal Mechanism 6-12 OR K-5 (2)
- Secondary General Music Methods 6-12 (2)
- Curriculum & Administration OR Instructional Design (2)
- Residency Elective (2)
- Applied study of your choice (1)
  - Chorale (.5)
  - Chorus (.5)

Second Summer (12 credits)
- American Music History OR Music History I (2)
- Choral Conducting (2)
  - Choral Arranging (2)
  - Secondary Choral Methods 6-12 (2)
  - Choral Literature (2)
  - Applied study of your choice (1)
    - Chorale (.5)
    - Chorus (.5)

Third Summer (12 credits)
- 4 MECA courses of your choice - each worth 3 credits (electives may be completed during a 3rd residency summer)
  - Written Comprehensive Examination OR Professional Teaching Portfolio

**Option 2**

First Summer (12 credits)
- Introduction to Graduate Study (2)
- Choral Conducting (2)
- Residency Elective (2)
- Secondary Choral Methods 6-12 (2)
- Choral Arranging (2)
- Applied study of your choice (1)
  - Chorale (.5)
  - Chorus (.5)

Second Summer (12 credits)
- American Music History OR Music History I (2)
- Choral Conducting (2)
- Secondary General Music Methods 6-12 (2)
- Choral Literature (2)
- Applied study of your choice (1)
  - Chorale (.5)
  - Chorus (.5)

Third Summer (12)
- Vocal Mechanism 6-12 OR K-5 (2)
- Curriculum & Administration OR Instructional Design (2)
- Secondary General Music Methods 6-12 (2)
- Choral Literature (2)
- Applied study of your choice (1)
  - Chorale (.5)
  - Chorus (.5)

  - Master’s Project

  - Written Comprehensive Examination OR Professional Teaching Portfolio

**Option 3**

First Summer (12 credits)
- 4 MECA courses of your choice - each worth 3 credits (electives may be completed during a 3rd residency summer)

Second Summer (12 credits)
- Introduction to Graduate Study (2)
- Music History II (2)
- Vocal Mechanism 6-12 OR K-5 (2)
- Residency Elective (2)
- Secondary Choral Methods 6-12 (2)
- Applied study of your choice (1)
  - Chorale (.5)
  - Chorus (.5)

Third Summer (12 credits)
- Choral Conducting (2)
- Choral Arranging (2)
- Curriculum & Administration OR Instructional Design (2)
- Secondary General Music Methods 6-12 (2)
- Choral Literature (2)
- Applied instrument of your choice (1)
  - Chorale (.5)
  - Chorus (.5)

  - Master’s Project

  - Written Comprehensive Examination OR Professional Teaching Portfolio