Graduate Course of Study Suggestions  
Band 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.

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**Option 1**

**First Summer - (12 credits)**  
Introduction to Graduate Study (2)  
Music History II (2)  
Woodwind Methods (2)  
Percussion Methods (2)  
Residency Elective (2)  
Applied Instrument of your choice (1)  
Symphonic Band (.5)  
Chorus (.5)  

**Second Summer - (12 credits)**  
Curriculum & Administration Or  
Instructional Design (2)  
Brass Methods (2)  
Band Conducting (2)  

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

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**Option 2**

**First Summer (12 credits)**  
Introduction to Graduate Study (2)  
Band Conducting (2)  
Residency Elective (2)  
Curriculum & Administration Or  
Instructional Design (2)  
Woodwind Methods (2)  
Applied Instrument of your choice (1)  
Symphonic Band (.5)  
Chorus (.5)  

**Second Summer (12 credits)**  
4 MECA courses of your choice – each worth 3 credits (electives may be completed during a residency summer)  

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**Third Summer (12 credits)**  
Brass Methods (2)  
Residence Elective (2)  
Percussion Methods (2)  
American Music History OR Music History II (2)  
Band Arranging (2)  
Applied Instrument of your choice (1)  
Symphonic Band (.5)  
Chorus (.5)  
Master's Project  
Writtend Comprehensive Examination OR  
Professional Teaching Portfolio

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**Option 3**

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

**Second Summer (12 credits)**  
Introduction to Graduate Study (2)  
Percussion Methods (2)  
Residency Elective (2)  
Curriculum & Administration Or  
Instructional Design (2)  
Band Arranging (2)  
Applied Instrument of your choice (1)  
Symphonic Band (.5)  
Chorus (.5)  

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**Third Summer (12 credits)**  
American Music History OR Music History II (2)  
Band Conducting (2)  
Residency Elective (2)  
Woodwind Methods (2)  
Brass Methods (2)  
Applied Instrument of your choice (1)  
Symphonic Band (.5)  
Chorus (.5)  
Master's Project  
Writtend Comprehensive Examination OR  
Professional Teaching Portfolio