

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.

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)

Band Arranging (2)
Residency Elective (2)
Applied Instrument of your choice (1)
Symphonic Band (.5)
Chorus (.5)
Master's Project (may also be submitted in the third summer)

Third Summer - (12 credits)

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

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)

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
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 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)

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
Written Comprehensive Examination **OR**
Professional Teaching Portfolio