

## Graduate Course of Study Suggestions

### General Music Track – 36 semester hours of credit

The following options have been provided to help general music majors 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** you must take two consecutive summers of six-week residency courses to stay on track. If you choose to complete electives in the MECA program, they can only be taken in the first or last summer.

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### Summer Option 1

#### **Even Year (12 credits)**

Introduction to Graduate Study (2)  
Vocal Mechanism K-5 (2)  
Elementary General Music Methods 3-5 (2)  
Curriculum & Administration **OR**  
Instructional Design (2)  
Residency Elective (2)  
Applied Study of your choice (1)  
Chorus (.5)  
Chorale (.5)

#### **Odd Year (12 credits)**

Music History (2)  
Choral Arranging (2)  
Methods of Teaching Children's Choir (2)

Elementary General Music Methods Pre-K-2 (2)  
Secondary General Music Methods 6-12 (2)  
Applied Study of your choice (1)  
Chorus (.5)  
Chorale (.5)  
Master's Project (may also be submitted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> summer)

#### **Even Year (12 credits)**

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

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### Summer Option 2

#### **Even Year (12 credits)**

4 MECA courses of your choice - each worth 3 credits (electives may be completed during a 3<sup>rd</sup> residency summer)

#### **Odd Year (12 credits)**

Introduction to Graduate Study (2)  
Choral Arranging (2)  
Methods of Teaching Children's Choir (2)  
Elementary General Music Methods Pre-K – 2 (2)  
Secondary General Music Methods 6-12 (2)  
Applied Study (1)  
Chorus (.5)  
Collegiate Chorale (.5)

#### **Even Year (12 credits)**

Music History (2)  
Vocal Mechanism K-5 (2)  
Elementary General Music Methods 3-5 (2)  
Curriculum & Administration **OR**  
Instructional Design (2)  
Residency Elective (2)  
Applied Study of your choice (1)  
Chorus (.5)  
Chorale (.5)  
Master's Project  
Written Comprehensive Examination **OR**  
Professional Teaching Portfolio