

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

The following options have been created to help string 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.

Summer Option 1

Even Year (12 credits)

Introduction to Graduate Study (2)
Music History II (2)

String Methods II: Bridging the Gap (2)

String Arranging (2)

Survey of String Repertoire (2)

Applied instrument of your choice (1)

Philharmonic Strings (.5)

Chorus (.5)

Odd Year (12 credits)

Methods of Integrating Winds & Percussion into Orchestra (2)

Curriculum & Administration **OR**
Instructional Design (2)

Orchestral Conducting (2)

String Methods I: New Millennium (2)

Residency Elective (2)

Applied instrument of your choice (1)

String Ensemble (.5)

Chorus (.5)

Master's Project (may also be submitted in the 3rd summer)

Even Year (12 credits)

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

Comprehensive Written Examination **OR**
Professional Teaching Portfolio

Summer Option 2

Even Year (12 credits)

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

Odd Year (12 credits)

Introduction to Graduate Study (2)

Curriculum & Administration **OR**
Instructional Design (2)

String Methods I: New Millennium (2)

Orchestral Conducting (2)

Methods of Integrating Winds & Percussion into Orchestra (2)

Applied instrument of your choice (1)

String Ensemble (.5)

Chorus (.5)

Even Year (12 credits)

American Music History **OR** Music History II (2)

String Arranging (2)

Residency Elective (2 credits)

Survey of String Repertoire (2)

String Methods II: Bridging the Gap (2)

Applied instrument of your choice (1)

String Ensemble (.5)

Chorus (.5)

Master's Project

Comprehensive Written Examination **OR**
Professional Teaching Portfolio