

Graduate Program of Study Suggestions: Band Track

What follows is a possible design structure for your program of study. These are options to generate a three-year model for completion, however, candidates have up to 7 years to complete the program. The model below assumes that you are starting in the summer, however, it is possible to start the program during the fall and spring as well. If you choose to begin in the fall or spring semester, you should take **562 Introduction to Graduate Study** in your first semester of study.

Candidates may complete up to but not exceeding 12 credits during a summer session. This is typical for those wishing to do **only** summer sessions and to complete in three summers.

Candidates can spread their work out across the year, which allows them to take fewer credits in each summer session. Taking 10 credits in a summer provides a much easier pace and will be used as the model below. This model assumes that the candidate is taking coursework throughout the academic year online. For a complete list of courses, please refer to the document titled, *MMEd Program Planning and Tracking Sheet*.

Summer 1: 10 Credits total

- 562 Introduction to Graduate Studies 2
- 553 Brass Methods OR 533 Band Conducting 2
- 522 Band Arranging 2
- Residency Elective (WW, Brass, Perc Tech, Jazz Band Methods) 2
- 580 applied 1
- Symphonic Band and Concert Choir (.5 cr/each) 1

Fall 1: 3 credits

- MECA Elective Online 3

Spring 1: 2 Credits

500-level required course online

(Woodwind Methods, Band Arranging, American Music History, etc) 2

Check MECA Current Offerings to determine best course choice.

Summer 2: 10 Credits

- 533 Band Conducting OR 553 Brass Methods 2
- 554 Percussion Methods 2
- 569 American Music History 2
- Residency Elective (Jazz Arranging or Inst. Tech Course) 2
- 580 applied 1
- Symphonic Band and Concert Choir (.5 cr/each) 1

Fall 2: 3 credits

- Online MECA Elective 3

Spring 2: 2 credits

500-level required course online (Profession Ed course, tech elective, etc.) 2

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Summer 3: 6 credits plus exit requirements

- MECA or residency electives and ensembles/580 6
- Comprehensive Review Project
- Cohort Review
- Commencement