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 fall or spring. Whether you choose to begin in the fall or spring semester, you should take **562 Introduction to Graduate Study** in your first semester of study. If you choose to begin in a summer session, you should plan to take **562 Introduction to Graduate Study in the fall semester**. You might choose to begin with MECA elective credits or residency elective credits. This can be decided in consultation with your academic advisor, Dr. Robert L. Sinclair.

It is advisable to spread your 36-hour program of study out across fall, spring, and summer semesters as follows: 2-6 hours fall/spring and 4-8 hours summer. You may take up to but not exceed 12 hours in a summer. That is a great deal of work to complete in 8 weeks, however. For a complete list of courses, please refer to the document titled, **MMEd Program Planning and Tracking Sheet**.

Definitions of which courses in the Continuing Education Platform will serve to fulfill 500-level courses will be available on the MMEd Student Resources Page before the beginning of each semester.

**Fall 1:** 2-5 credits  
**562 Introduction to Graduate Studies** (2) and a MECA elective (3).

**Spring 2:** 2-5 credits  
Professional Education Elective (2)  
Advanced Methods Course (2) OR a MECA Elective (3)

**Summer 1:** 6-8 credits  
Advanced Methods Course (2)  
Advanced Music History Course (2)  
Residency Elective Techniques course (2)  
Arranging Course (2)

**Fall 2:** 2-5 credits  
MECA Elective (3)  
Online applied Lesson (1)

**Spring 2:** 2-5 credits  
Advanced Methods Course (2)  
Advanced Repertoire or Conducting Course (2)

**Summer 2:** 6-8 credits  
Advance Techniques Course (2)  
Online Applied Lesson (1)  
Advanced Repertoire or Conducting Course (2)  
MECA Elective (3)

**Fall 3:** 2-4 credits  
MECA elective (3)

**Spring 3:** 2-4 credits  
MECA Elective (3)

**Summer 3:**  
Comprehensive Review,  
Submission of Exit Requirements,  
Commencement