

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER  
COLLEGE OF MUSIC  
**DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS**  
**MAJOR FIELD: PIANO —THESIS TRACK**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS.** As shown below, the D.M.A. degree requires 6 credits of graduate-level course work in musicology (not counting Music Bibliography) prior to enrolling in MUSC 6822 and 6 graduate credits in music theory prior to enrolling in MUSC 6801.\* These preparatory academic courses do *not* need to be officially transferred, but they must be validated in writing by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies *before* the student enrolls in 6000-level courses. Also note that Preliminary Exam requirements in musicology and theory must be completed *prior* to registration for 5000-level or higher courses in the respective academic disciplines.

	<i>credit hours</i>
<b>Musicology course work*</b> in preparation for MUSC 6822	(0-6)
<b>Advanced Studies in Musicology</b> (MUSC 6822). Prerequisite: Introduction to Music Bibliography and Research (MUSC 5708) or equivalent.* With instructor's permission, a Ph.D. seminar in musicology (MUSC 7822 or MUSC 7832) may be substituted.	3
<b>Music Theory course work*</b> in preparation for MUSC 6801	(0-6)
<b>Advanced Topics in Theory</b> (MUSC 6801). Prerequisite: Introduction to Music Bibliography and Research (MUSC 5708) or equivalent.* With instructor's permission, a Ph.D. seminar in theory (MUSC 7801) may be substituted.	3
<i>subtotal:</i>	6 - 18

**II. MAJOR AREA**

<b>Applied piano study</b> (PMUS 6636) <i>var. 2 or 3 cr.</i>	6
<b>Seminars in piano literature*:</b>	4
<b>Seminar in Piano Lit</b> (MUSC 6325) <i>offered fall sem. odd numbered years, repeatable</i>	
<b>Keyboard Lit 1</b> (MUSC 5325♦) <i>offered fall sem. even numbered years</i> <b>OR</b>	
<b>Keyboard Lit 2</b> (MUSC 5335♦) <i>offered spring sem. odd numbered years</i>	
(♦may replace <i>one</i> semester of MUSC 6325 based on advisement and student needs.)	
<b>Graduate piano pedagogy*:</b>	2
<b>Piano Ped: Group Techniques</b> (MUSC 5305) <i>offered fall sem. odd numbered years</i> <b>OR</b>	
<b>Piano Ped: Intermediate Literature</b> (MUSC 5315) <i>offered spring sem. even numbered years</i> <b>OR</b>	
<b>Research: Piano Lit &amp; Pedagogy</b> (MUSC 5345) <i>offered fall sem. even numbered</i>	
<b>Support courses</b> needed to complete the dissertation projects.	12
<i>subtotal:</i>	12

\*Graduate-level course work from a master's degree may apply. Upon the recommendation of the area faculty, these courses may be validated in writing by the Associate Dean, who also can determine which credits, if any, need to be officially transferred to CU.

### III. DISSERTATION PROJECTS

The TMUS Dissertation Projects usually are undertaken after successful completion of the first semester of study at CU. Students must have passed all required Preliminary Examinations or have begun enrolling in remedial coursework before they are permitted to present their first recital. If a recital or project is not completed during the same semester as registration, an IP (“In Progress”) grade is recorded. The IP grade is later replaced with the letter grade assigned by the faculty advisory committee, and the student does not need to register again for the same TMUS project.

Although the Dissertation Projects are numbered sequentially below, students are strongly encouraged to begin work on one of the non-recital projects (TMUS 8259 or 8269) during their second year in residence. For each non-recital project, the student should select one member of the faculty advisory committee to serve as the main advisor (not necessarily the committee chair), who guides the student in preparing a written prospectus, which is then submitted to the faculty advisory committee for their suggestions and approval. Before the student proceeds with the project, two members of the committee must agree to serve as first and second readers, who will guide the project to the final draft, which is then presented to the committee as a whole. The Research Lecture papers should be in their final form *before* the public presentation of each lecture.

**All TMUS courses are set up as variable credit. DO NOT register for more than the total number of credits required for each dissertation project.**

<b>Dissertation Project 1</b> (TMUS 8219) Solo Recital	3
<b>Dissertation Project 3</b> (TMUS 8239) Chamber Music Recital	3
<b>Dissertation Project 5</b> (TMUS 8259) Research Lecture <sup>**</sup> Original research resulting in a paper and public lecture. The paper generated in TMUS 8259 will normally be a minimum of 30 pages in length.	3
<b>A fourth project</b> – to be either: Solo Recital ( <b>Dissertation Project 2</b> - TMUS 8229), <b><u>OR</u></b> Chamber Music Recital ( <b>Dissertation Project 4</b> - TMUS 8249), <b><u>OR</u></b> Research Lecture, as above <sup>**</sup> ( <b>Dissertation Project 6</b> - TMUS 8269)	3
<b>Major Document</b> (TMUS 8329) Original research resulting in a major written document, similar to a thesis in scope, depth, and format. The document will normally be at least 60 pages in length.	6
	subtotal: 18
	<b>Total:</b> 36-48

**For further details and essential information for all DMA students, please consult the *General DMA Degree Guidelines* at the College of Music website.**