Master of Arts in Music
Master of Music in Performance

Who pursues this program?
- Students seeking advanced training in performance, including instrumentalists, vocalists, composers, and conductors.
- Music educators seeking advanced degrees for professional development.
- Music educators seeking further pedagogical instruction.
- Studio teachers seeking advanced training in their medium.
- Candidates for both the MM and MA should possess an undergraduate degree in Music.

How does the program work?
- The program is face-to-face with a core component that includes research, history, and theory.
- Students may select a performance, thesis, composition, or general focus.
- The MM program is a 32-hour program that features four semesters of three-credit-hour lessons in one of the following: voice, instrumental, composition, or conducting that culminates in a Graduate recital.
- The MA recital, composition, and thesis tracks are each 30 hour programs. The general non-thesis track is 36 hours.

How will this degree benefit me?
MA and MM graduates will be prepared for doctoral studies or for enhanced salary benefits in public education.

The advanced skills learned in these programs will benefit the graduate as an artist as well as a music professional.

What courses will I take?
- Master of Music
  - 14 core hours of applied lessons and graduate recital.
  - 14 hours of emphasis requirements, including research, history, and theory.
  - 4 hours to be chosen from music literature and one elective.
- Master Art
  - 9 core hours from research, theory, and history.
  - Remaining hours are flexible and support the chosen track (thesis, recital, composition, or non-thesis).

What sets this program apart from other programs?
WTAMU is home to numerous nationally recognized performing ensembles. The graduate program is flexible enough to allow for an education that is student-focused.
The WTAMU music program has been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music since 1965.

Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

**Bachelor’s degree in music**
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Program audition
- Letter of interest that discusses their performance medium and how a graduate degree in music will help achieve their professional goals.

**Before first semester**
Placement test for leveling courses

**Degree Culmination**
Music advisory examination in the areas of music theory, music history, and technical proficiency.

**Deadline to Apply**
August 1 for Fall admission
December 1 for Spring admission
May 1 for Summer admission

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