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Master of Music in Theory-Composition Distance Education Completion Program

About the Program

The Theory-Composition track of the Master in Music is designed to provide advanced analytical and creative opportunities for promising composers and music theorists. Requiring a thesis, this 30-credit field of specialization prepares students for further academic work or for careers as college/university teachers or freelance composers.

The concentration areas offered online are: theory, composition, or theory-composition (dual track).

Dates & Registration

Priority Consideration For Fall Admission:

- **January 15 – Priority Deadline For Documents**
Applicants who submit all required documents, tests, and recordings by this date will receive priority consideration for assistantships and admission placement.
- **March 31 – Priority Deadline For Auditions/Interviews**
All auditions/interviews must be complete for priority consideration. Priority admission decisions are usually made by early April.

Cutoff Date For Fall Admission:

- Although applications are accepted through July 15, there is no guarantee that positions will still be available. Applications that are not complete by July 15 will not be considered for fall admission.

Please Note:

- Application materials must be complete prior to interview.

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- Students wishing to enter the Master of Music degree at times other than the fall semester should apply as early as possible, but no later than December 1 (for spring) or May 1 (all summer terms).

Costs & Financial Aid

Estimated Semester Costs*
(Based on Fall 2019 Tuition Costs)

Hours	In-State Online Tuition & Fees	Out-of-State Tuition & Fees
3 hours	\$1251.50	\$1611.50
6 hours	\$2492.00	\$3212.00
9 hours	\$3732.50	\$4812.50
12 hours	\$4973.00	\$6413.00

*These costs do not include all fees (course fees, lab fees, books, etc.).

Please visit the [SFA Tuition Calculator](#) for more information regarding tuition costs.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. For more information, please contact the [SFA Financial Aid Office](#) at (936) 468-2403.

The School of Music has a limited number of scholarships designated specifically to allow out-of-state students from the U.S. to pay in-state tuition. If you are interested in receiving one of these, please let us know by emailing a brief explanation of need to graduatemusic@sfasu.edu.

Admission Requirements & Process

An undergraduate degree in music from a National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) accredited institution is required. International students with degrees in music are welcome and should submit transcripts to the Associate Director for Graduate Studies.

The GRE is not required for admission. International students must send their TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language) score for admission. Applicants outside the US should contact Ken Felts in the International Admissions Office.

A student may transfer from another accredited graduate school up to six semester hours of graduate work toward a master's degree with a thesis and up to 12 semester hours toward a non-thesis master's degree with the approval of the School of Music and the academic advisor. Transferred work must be completed with a B or higher and will be

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credited toward a graduate degree at SFA. The work must have been taken not earlier than six years prior to the student's first graduate enrollment at SFA. Course work used to satisfy requirements for a previous master's degree (whether taken at SFA or elsewhere) may **not** be used to satisfy requirements for a second master's degree at SFA.

How to Apply

Students must be admitted to both the School of Music, and the SFASU Graduate School. These are separate processes that can be completed concurrently. To begin an application for the School of Music, go to the [SFASU School of Music Acceptd portal](#). All deadlines and specific requirements for the Master of Music in Music Education degree are clearly explained there, and applicants can submit all materials quickly in just a few easy steps. To apply to the SFASU Graduate School, go to [ApplyTexas.org](#). The music faculty is happy to assist with questions; just email graduatemusic@sfasu.edu or find the applied professor in your area on our [faculty directory](#).