



University of Wisconsin Whitewater

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MUSIC THEORY CERTIFICATE (12 UNITS) UW-WHITEWATER DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Designed for students who wish to attend graduate school in Music Theory or for students who want a more in-depth background in Music Theory beyond the basic survey. Students who complete this Certificate will have several major papers, compositions, and arrangements for their portfolios, experiences in advanced research techniques, and more extensive background in musical analysis. Possible uses:

- BA in Music (includes outside minor) + Music Theory Certificate—recommended for students interested in Music Theory graduate work (students should include at least 4 units of French or German as part of General Education GH coursework)
- BM in Music Performance + Music Theory Certificate—also recommended for students interested in Music Theory graduate work (students should include at least 4 units of French or German as part of General Education GH coursework)
- BM in Music Ed + Music Theory Certificate (giving students who teach Music Theory as part of their public school assignment a more thorough background)

How to declare:

Students wishing to add the certificate may do so by declaring it in consultation with the Department Chair. Note that certificates do not show up on your AAR. When you have completed the coursework, the Certificate will be added to your degree by College of Arts and Communication Advising Coordinator at the time of graduation, and will appear on your UWW transcript. Note that it is the student's responsibility to communicate during their final semester the fact that they are completing a certificate: this should be communicated to both the COAC Advising Coordinator and the Music Department Advising Coordinator.

[NOTE: as of April 2018, when this document was being updated, the University was considering a change in policy that would allow students to officially declare certificates and have them appear on the AAR – check with the Music Department Advising Coordinator to see if this applies to you.]

Coursework:

Some of the coursework in the Certificate will “count” towards other Music degree requirements, and thus it does not necessarily mean 12 additional units added to your study at UWW. It is designed so that a student will meet the goals of the Certificate, while allowing some flexibility. Students complete the certificate by taking the following classes:

1. MUSC 454 Counterpoint (2 units)
2. MUSC 457 Music Composition (2 units) OR MUSC 462 Advanced Composition (2 units)

3. MUSC 453 Instrumental Arranging (2 units) OR MUSC 451 Choral-Keyboard Arranging (2 units)

4. MUSC 476 Senior Research Seminar (2 units)

5. MUSC 498 Independent Study (Major research or analytical paper, 1-2 units)

6. 2-3 Units of Electives, to be chosen from

- MUSC 453 Instrumental Arranging (2 units) OR MUSC 451 Choral-Keyboard Arranging (2 units)
- MUSC 346 Sound And Image: An Exploration Of Sound For/With Visual Media (3 units)
- MUSC 452 Electronic Music And Sound Design (2 units)
- MUSC 459 Jazz Arranging and Composition (2 units)
- MUSC 479 Advanced Jazz Arranging (2 units)