DMA in Composition Curriculum Requirements

This chart summarizes the *minimum* number of post-baccalaureate graduate credit hours required in each Area, including the minimum number that must be taken *during doctoral studies* at UGA. Up to 32 graduate hours can be brought into the curriculum from the master's degree.

	@UGA	Post-Bac
Area A: Major Area	(no minimum)	40
Area B: Music History	6	9
Area C: Music Theory	6	9
Area D: Electives	6	12
Area E: Research	9	12
TOTAL		82

Area A: All courses related to the major go in this area, which requires 40 post-baccalaureate hours. This area includes lessons, recitals, conducting projects, ensembles, literature, pedagogy, diction, and techniques. Composition majors must give two degree recitals (one chamber recital and one performance/reading of the dissertation). Composition majors also must take the two-semester electronic music sequence (MUSI 6130 and MUSI 7730).

Area B: This area is usually satisfied with three courses, at least two of which must be taken at UGA as a doctoral student. MUSI 6290 taken Spring 2021 or later may be used to meet the Area B requirement. (MUSI 6290 taken before Spring 2021 cannot.)

Area C: This area is usually satisfied with three courses, at least two of which must be taken at UGA as a doctoral student. MUSI 6150 does not count for this area.

Area D: This area requires 12 hours, at least six of which must be taken as a doctoral student at UGA. It can include work in any area, music or non-music, but the work must be at the graduate level. Questions about the appropriateness of a course as an elective can be adjudicated by the student's advisory committee.

Area E: This area requires a course in research skills (MUSI 6300 or equivalent), plus hours in MUSI 9000 and MUSI 9300. A minimum of three hours in MUSI 9300 is required by the Graduate School.

Courses with undergraduate numbers, GRSC 7770, MUSI 6150, MUSI 6290 taken before Spring 2021, and MUSI 7005/9005 ("ghost hours") do not satisfy graduate curricular requirements and thus cannot be used in any Area.