

UVA Department of Music

Ph.D. Program – FAQs

What programs does UVA Music offer?

[Critical Studies in Music and Sound \(CSMS\)](#)

[Composition and Computer Technologies \(CCT\)](#)

Where can I find requirements for the Ph.D. programs?

See Program details:

[CCS Requirements](#)

[CCT Requirements](#)

What is the admissions application deadline?

The annual deadline is January 15.

Where do I apply?

You can [apply](#) online at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences website.

What are the application requirements for admission to the Ph.D. program?

Submit the following materials to complete your application:

- A Statement of Purpose
- TOEFL Score (*for International applicants*)
- Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Two Writing Samples (*for CCS applicants*)
- A Portfolio of Representative Work (*for CCT applicants*)
- Application Fee
 - You can find information concerning fee waivers available to applicants [here](#).
- GRE scores are no longer required for admission to the Ph.D. program in Music.

You can find more detailed information regarding application requirements [here](#).

The Graduate School Admissions Office (gsasadmission@virginia.edu) can answer any questions regarding the application process.

Can I submit my application if my official test scores or recommendation letters have not yet been received?

Yes, an application can be submitted without official test scores and recommendation letters. These application materials will be added to the application once they are received by the Office of Admission.

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Do I need to submit a dissertation proposal as part of the application?

No. You will develop your dissertation proposal as part of your course of study and defend your dissertation prospectus in the fall semester of your fourth year. It is not required as part of the application process.

What financial support does UVA offer its graduate students in the Music Department?

Funding information can be found [here](#).

How many students do you admit?

Usually each program admits two or three students per year.

When will I learn whether I have been admitted?

Admissions decisions for the fall term are communicated to applicants between January and April via the online application. The Graduate School will also send an email to inform the applicant when a decision has been made on his or her application.

How long do I have to consider my offer of admission?

The University of Virginia is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools and honors its resolution that students are not required to accept offers of financial support prior to April 15 of a given year. Offers of admission that have not been accepted by April 15 can be withdrawn in order to make offers to other applicants on waiting lists.

How many courses can I transfer in from a previous MA?

The Department Director of Graduate Studies may request transfer credits on behalf of a doctoral student during the first year of the student's enrollment. Requests for up to 24 credits will be reviewed by the Registrar.

Does the Department encourage students to take courses outside the Department?

Yes. Students are encouraged to take courses in other departments.

May I arrange a visit to campus to meet with faculty and students?

Visits to the Department are welcome; however, a visit is not required and does not increase your chances of admission. Admitted candidates will have an opportunity to visit before making their decision.

Are there performance opportunities for graduate students?

Yes. [Ensembles](#) are open to all graduate students.

Can I take instrument or voice lessons?

Yes. [Private lessons](#) are available on a per-semester fee basis.

Is there housing on Grounds for graduate students?

Yes. You can find information for housing on Grounds [here](#).