

Propose Changes to the DMA Comprehensive Examination Requirement in Music Theory

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Music Performance Department Approval: October 13, 2016

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Proposed Language for the Graduate Handbook

Incoming DMA students will receive advising for their theory requirements during Wildcat Welcome. A representative of the theory faculty will review each student's prior transcripts along with the results of the Theory Diagnostic Exam, and will offer theory coursework recommendations for each student that will prepare them for the 3rd year comprehensive examination.

DMA students will also have the option to waive the theory comprehensive examination through coursework. The theory faculty will approve a list of four graduate-level courses, which cover competencies from the exam. Students who successfully complete three of the four courses will be exempted from taking the theory comprehensive examination. Students must receive a grade of "B" or higher in each of the three courses to achieve the exemption. All theory courses taken for this purpose will count as Music Studies electives, and units earned will be counted towards the total requirements of the DMA degree. Students who do not fulfill the exemption requirements by the end of their coursework residency must take the theory comprehensive examination in the first year of continuation.