

School of Music Graduate Advising Worksheet 2023-24**Doctor of Musical Arts in Strings/Harp Performance – Dissertation Track**

Student name _____

BU ID _____

Applied teacher _____

Program start date (e.g., Fall 2023) _____

Students must earn a **minimum** of 48 course credits with grades no lower than B- in graduate-level coursework per the [Bulletin](#) (see [Bulletin archives](#) for pre-Fall 2023 curriculum) and are expected to [declare either Dissertation or Recital Track](#) by the beginning of the second year of study. Refer to the [Graduate Student Handbook](#) for policies and procedures.

- 18 credits of applied lessons, taken over 6 semesters of study. Students must register for hour-long lessons (CFA ML 5xx odd-numbered courses)
- 4 semesters of MP 600 Orchestra and/or MP 602 Wind Ensemble. Note: students must register for ensembles as assigned in their seating audition, in each of their first four semesters of study
- String Departmental Requirement for 4 credits/4 distinct semesters of Chamber Music MP 608
 - DMA Harp Majors are required to take MP 649 (Harp Ped/Lit) all 6 semesters, and this may substitute for any or all of the Chamber Music required credits
 - DMA Bass Majors may substitute MP 640 (Orch Tech) for any or all of the Chamber Music
- If a student is required, per their proficiency entrance exams in theory and musicology, to take MT 401 and/or MH 401 review courses (2 credits ea.), they must take the course(s) their first semester and pass them with at least a B- before taking graduate work in these areas. These courses do not count for graduate academic credit
- 3 credits in music theory courses, MT 600-level or above (for example, MT 601 or 602)
- 6 credits in musicology courses, MH 600-level or above
- CFA MT 701 Doctoral Proseminar: Skills (3 credits) – Typically taken in Fall of second year
- CFA MT 702 Doctoral Proseminar: Analysis (3 credits) – Typically taken in Spring of second year
- CFA MU 995 Dissertation (3 credits)
- 12 credits of electives:
 - Students can choose from grad courses (500 level and above) with SoM prefixes MU, ME, MP, MH, MT. MET graduate classes in Arts Administration will satisfy elective credits
 - MP 600 orchestra, MP 602 wind ensemble, and MP 608 chamber music will count towards elective credits, as will additional graduate courses in MT and MH taken beyond the required credits
 - Applied lessons may be taken for up to 4 credits per semester instead of 3. Any additional lesson credit(s) beyond the required 18 would satisfy elective credit, but no more than 5 credits of extra applied lessons may be applied towards electives. Students must submit a [course substitution form](#) to request use of additional lesson credits for elective credit
- Students must register for 7 credits minimum to a maximum of 11.5 credits per semester for full-time status
- Refer to the [Bulletin](#) for recital requirements and qualifying exams
- Reading proficiency is required in one language, chosen from German, French, and Italian. Students may demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by passing its corresponding reading course at the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences: [GRS LG 621](#), [GRS LF 621](#), or [GRS LI 621](#). Students may also satisfy the requirement by passing a foreign language examination, administered once each semester by the School of Music
- Students are expected to register for classes on [published dates](#) and must register for classes each semester through graduation unless taking an approved [leave of absence](#)
- After a student has finished coursework, MU 995, and is completing their dissertation, qualifying exams and/or recitals, they must register for continuing studies MU 996 each semester through graduation, regardless if they are also taking applied lessons
- All students **MUST** [apply to graduate](#) before their final semester of study, complete all degree program requirements, and earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 to be awarded a degree per [CFA Graduation Policy](#).
- Useful resources: [Graduate Student Advising Tools](#) and [Resources](#); [Performance Studies/Applied Music Handbook](#); and Professor Jason Yust, Director of Graduate Studies, jyust@bu.edu

See reverse for a comprehensive checklist.

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DOCTOR of MUSICAL ARTS, Strings and Harp - Dissertation Track

	Semester	Grade	Credits
Applied Lessons, ML 5xx (18 cr.)			
MT 401 and/or MH 401, if required (2 cr. each) – Fall Year 1			(no graduate credit)
MT 701 Doctoral Pro-Seminar: Skills (3 cr.) – Fall Year 2			
MT 702 Doctoral Pro-Seminar: Analysis (3 cr.) – Spring Year 2			
Course in Musicology (MH), 600 level or higher (3 cr.)			
Course in Musicology (MH), 600 level or higher (3 cr.)			
Course in Music Theory (MT), 600 level or higher (3 cr.)			
MU 995 Dissertation (3 cr.)			
Language requirement (exam or zero-credit course)			
Graduate Music Electives (12 cr.) – including departmental requirements of MP 600 and/or MP 602 as assigned; 4 semesters of chamber music MP 608 and/or MP 649 (harp) and MP 640 (bass), as detailed on reverse			

Total (minimum of 48): _____

Recitals

Solo #1 _____
 Solo #2 _____
 Chamber _____
 Dissertation Presentation _____

Qualifying Examinations

Theory Tonal _____
 Theory Post-Tonal _____
 Theory Skills _____
 Theory Chorale _____
 Musicology _____
 Major Field _____
 Oral Exam _____

Language requirement

Exam or course _____

Graduation application submitted _____