



School of Music Graduate Advising Worksheet 2026-2027

Performance Diploma – Strings and Harp

Student name _____

BU ID _____

Academic Advisor _____

Program start date (e.g., Fall 2026) _____

Students must earn a **minimum** of 28 course units with grades no lower than B- in graduate-level coursework per the [Bulletin](#) (see [Bulletin archives](#) for pre-Fall 2026 curriculum):

- 7 units minimum per semester (to a maximum of 11.5 units) for full-time status
- 12 units of applied lessons (3 units each of four semesters of study required); students must register for hour-long lessons (CFA ML 5xx odd-numbered courses) unless studying with two instructors (in which case register for 2 @ half-hour even numbered courses)
- 4 units/semesters of MP 608 Chamber Music; students register for the 1 unit 'lecture' and corresponding 0 unit 'lab'
 - Bass Majors may substitute CFA MP 640 Orchestral Techniques
 - Harp Majors are required to take MP 649 (Harp Ped/Lit) all 4 semesters, and this may substitute for any or all of the Chamber Music required units
- 4 units/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, regardless if they have earned the required four units in fewer than four semesters
- 8 units of electives:
 - Students can choose from grad courses (500 level and above) with SoM prefixes MU, ME and MP; academic courses in MH and MT are not permitted for PD students
 - MET graduate classes in Arts Administration will satisfy elective units
 - Applied lessons may be taken for up to 4 units per semester instead of 3. Any additional lesson units(s) beyond the required 12 would satisfy elective units in the PD, but no more than 4 units of extra applied lessons may be applied towards electives. Students must submit a [course substitution form](#) to request use of additional lesson units for elective units
- Two solo recitals (each approx. 60 minutes 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](#)
- 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 [Music Student Resources](#); [Graduate Student Handbook](#) and [Applied and Performance Studies handbook](#); and Professor Andrew Goodrich, Director of Graduate Studies, andrewg@bu.edu

See reverse for comprehensive checklist.

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	Semester	Grade	Units
Applied Lessons, ML 5xx (12 units)			
MP 608 Chamber Music (4 cr) – see reverse for bass options and harp requirements			
Ensembles MP 600 and/or MP 602 as assigned (4 units)			
Graduate Music Electives (8 units)			

Total units (minimum of 28): _____

Recital 1 _____
Recital 2 _____

Graduation application submitted _____