THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
BUTLER SCHOOL OF MUSIC  

SUGGESTED MINIMUM PROGRAM BEYOND THE BACCALAUREATE  
FOR THE Ph.D. IN MUSIC  

MUSICOLOGY  

The M.A. or M.M. degree is not a requirement for admission to the Ph.D. program, but it is assumed that most candidates for the Ph.D. degree will have successfully completed equivalent work.  

There is no stipulated number of hours required. The major requirement is the official advancement to candidacy, after the successful completion of qualifying doctoral examinations, and examination in two foreign languages.  

A typical course work program would include the following:  

6 MUS 381J  
   Topic 1: Foundations of Musicology  
   Topic 2: Foundations of Ethnomusicology  

6 MUS 380  
   Two Advanced Studies courses in the History and Culture of Music  

33 MUS 385J  
   Eleven graduate seminars on specific topics in musicology, two  
   primarily ethnomusicological. A graduate seminar on issues of  
   music theory/composition (MUS 688) may be elected. (topics of  
   graduate seminars in historical musicology will include  
   notation, history of theory, performance practice, etc)  

3 MUS 388T  
   Analytical Techniques (to be taken during first year of study) or  
   Topic 1: Foundations of Music Theory  

MUS 388M  

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   Elective courses approved by the faculty (based on the area  
   counselor’s recommendations)  

6 MUS 399R/W  
   Dissertation  

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63 hours  

Musicology doctoral students are required to pass two proficiency examinations in languages other than English (normally German and a Romance language), chosen by the student and approved by petition to the Division. Additional language study may be necessary, depending on the focus of the student’s research.  

The first language requirement should ideally be fulfilled by the end of the second semester of residence. The second language requirement must be fulfilled before advancement to candidacy for the doctoral degree, and ideally by the end of the fourth semester of residence.  

Students are required to pass a comprehensive examination before being advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D.  