Advising course checklist and timeline for Master of Arts in Education 2014-15
(MAED - Curriculum and Instruction)
Music Teacher Certification - Music K-12
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JUNIOR Year
☐ SATs should be >1100 but with a minimum of 530 verbal and 530 math – if they are not, you
MUST Take Praxis CORE Academic Skills for Educators and pass the whole test (all 3 sections).
Praxis CORE passing scores are: 150 Math, 156 Reading, 162 Writing.
ACT passing scores need a composite of 24. Math has to be no less than 22. English + Reading
together should be no less than 46
A passing math score on either SAT or ACT and VCLA (235 writing, 235 reading, or 470 composite)
is also acceptable

Summer between Junior and Senior Year
☐ Take and pass Praxis II – Music: Content Knowledge (test code 0113)
http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/0113

Fall of your senior year
☐ If you didn’t do it in summer you must take and pass Praxis II in October
https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/praxisii/
☐ Apply to the graduate school with Dr. Burnsed & Dr. Parkes in September- the form (and references) are Due OCTOBER 1st.
☐ Submit the “Accelerated undergraduate/ graduate degree and course designation” form to Dr.
Parkes at the same time (both dual and accelerated status)
☐ Receive letter of acceptance from graduate school late Fall.

Spring of your senior year
☐ Take a graduate class/es where you can fit them into your schedule, EDEP 5154 and EDCI 5264
while you are dual / accelerated student status
☐ Apply to the School of Education for Student Teaching by APRIL 1st– scores required to be
attached or forwarded by APRIL 30th. Firm deadline – no exceptions.

STOP!
You will not be allowed to enter grad Music Education classes with Dr. Parkes in Fall if you
have not passed Praxis II by the end of Fall classes your senior year, nor will you be considered
fully admitted to the program. Praxis 2 exams are in held bi-monthly usually. It is
recommended you take the exam in Summer, at the latest Fall. If you do not have your passing
Praxis II score you will be dismissed from the program by the Graduate School.
You must send Dr. Parkes your passing Praxis II score (160 or above) as a PDF as soon as you have it. You also will attach a copy to your student teaching application, due APRIL 1st. in the Spring. If your scores aren’t ready when you turn in your student teaching application to Dr Parkes, check the “taken” box but send the PDF of the score as soon as you get it, by April 30th.

End of Spring, graduate with your B.A. from the Department of Music

For links to all required tests, go to: http://www.soe.vt.edu/musiced/Admissions/admissions.html

For all other program information, go to: http://www.soe.vt.edu/musiced/index.html

Summer 1 and 2 (after BA graduation before Fulltime Graduate study)
☐ Take EDCI 5124 Behavioral Aspects of Music (3) Summer 1
☐ Take EDCI 5704 Contemporary Issues (3) Summer 2

Fall of your master’s degree
☐ Create and submit your plan of study to the Graduate School – form required
☐ Take and pass VCLA exam before November, including getting your scores. http://www.va.nesinc.com/
☐ Complete First Aid training
☐ Complete Ethics and Integrity Training online in SCHOLAR

Spring of your master’s degree
☐ Complete the Progress Report January, early February
☐ Apply for final exam (non-thesis) with the Graduate School (defense of ePortfolio)
☐ Apply for graduation with the Graduate School March 1st deadline
☐ Apply for licensure with the School of Education / State of VA

☐ Graduate with a Master’s degree in Education (Curriculum and Instruction) and your Music K-12 initial license (either Choral or Instrumental endorsement)

*You need 36 credits for this master’s degree. Depending on your GPA you can only count a certain number of credits that will count for both your Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees.

Check the Graduate School Policies and Procedures in the Graduate Catalog at: http://www.grads.vt.edu/graduate_catalog/poli/UIPo.jsp or www.grads.vt.edu
Procedural guidelines are available at:
www.grads.vt.edu/academics/procedural_guidelines/index.html
For specific School of Education and Licensure information:
http://www.soe.vt.edu/oap/

All courses are required:

**Foundation (12 required)**
EDCI 5104 Schooling In American Society (3)
EDCI 5264 Comp and Content Reading (3)
EDEP 5154 Ed Psych Foundations for Teachers (3)
EDCI 5554 Educating Exceptional Learners (3)

**Concentration (21 required in sequence)**
EDCI 5704 Contemporary Issues in Music Education (3) Summer 2
EDCI 5724 Tch Middle & Sec Schools 1 (3) Fall
EDCI 5964 Field Studies (3) Fall
EDCI 5744 Tch Middle & Sec Schools 2 (3) Spring
EDCI 5754 Internship Student Teaching (9) Spring

**Research (3 Required)**
EDCI 5124 Behavioral Aspects of Music (3) Summer 1

**Cognate (Elective) Not required**
MUS 5744 Grad Individual Applied Conducting (3) Putnam or Bigler

**Some rules you must know:**

- **You must maintain a GPA of above 3.0,** which means you must get a minimum of B- for any graduate class. If you do not get a B-, you will need to retake the class.

- There are two types of EDCI online classes – **regular online,** which you are eligible for and **virtual – campus.** Virtual campus is taught by Professor Potter and is restricted for experienced teachers already working, who are taking a master’s degree part-time and live outside of the campus. Do not ask to be force-added to this class - you are not eligible. If you have been on virtual campus status over the summer, be sure you complete the form “Change of campus” in August, to designate yourself back to Blacksburg campus for the rest of your study.

- **You may not** take your senior recital in your master’s level year.

- **You may not take graduate applied classes** or independent studies with Department of Music Faculty in your master’s level year -- they don’t count in the graduate plan of study with the School of Education.

- If you are asked to play in the Choirs or Chorus Ensembles, the MVs, Symphony Band, Campus Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, or the Orchestra, **you may choose to do so at your own discretion in the Fall semester only.** The Dept of Music may require you to be enrolled in those classes and as such you will still pay for those credits. **Please be aware that none of the undergraduate ensemble / performance classes count toward your masters degree, or licensure.**
• Please be aware that the Department of Music does not offer Graduate Assistantships and at no time may you assume responsibility for the teaching, grading, organizing, or rehearsing of undergraduate students in any Department of Music class, course, or ensemble.

• Tours, trips, rehearsals, and performances will not be accepted as reasons for failing to carry out any of the following: attending graduate classes, attending graduate classes on time, or turn in work when it is due.

• You may not participate in the Spring, your student teaching semester, in any ensemble in any capacity, nor may you take any other class but EDCI 5744 along with EDCI 5754, the internship.

• You will not be permitted to take the field studies EDCI 5964 or take EDCI 5724 in Fall of your master’s year if you have not passed Praxis 2 by April 30th in your final undergraduate Spring semester. If you were provisionally admitted, you will not be allowed to continue into the Grad program if you cannot pass Praxis 2.

• It is your responsibility to complete paperwork due at the Graduate School by due dates.

• It is your responsibility to complete all requirements on this checklist.

• If you have a concern, or a question, or a problem, as a graduate student, you should go to your graduate advisor – Dr. Parkes - first.

Dual Student Status
Seniors in a bachelor's degree, who have a GPA of 3.0 or better and who are accepted to pursue a graduate degree after completion of the bachelor’s, may be enrolled as dual registrants during the final semester of their undergraduate degree. Graduate coursework taken during the semester of dual registration may only be used for the graduate degree when it is not used to meet bachelor's degree requirements.

Accelerated Undergraduate/ Graduate degree
Undergraduate students, who are within the last 12 months of their undergraduate degree, and have a 3.3 or better GPA, may apply for admission to this program status. Graduate coursework taken during the semester of accelerated registration may be used for the graduate degree and to meet elective bachelor's degree requirements.

This means you should take 3 or 6 EDCI credits in your final senior undergraduate Spring semester.

Timeline:
Spring of Senior Year
EDCI 5264 Comp and Content Reading (3) MUST TAKE
EDEP 5154 Psych Foundations for Teachers (3) MAY TAKE IF GPA OVER 3.5

Summer (6 credit load maximum for each session)
*EDCI 5124 Behavioral Aspects of Music (3) Summer
*EDCI 5704 Contemporary Issues in Music Education (3) Summer
AND one of these if you’d like to/ can afford to:

EDCI 5104 Schooling In American Society (3)
EDEP 5154 Psych Foundations for Teachers (3)
EDCI 5554 Educating Exceptional Learners (3)

Please check the list of courses offered early – many of these rotate offerings each year.

**Fall Semester of Master’s degree (15 credits is the maximum, 9 is the minimum)**

*Any remaining of these*
- EDCI 5104 Schooling In American Society (3)
- EDEP 5154 Psych Foundations for Teachers (3)
- EDCI 5554 Educating Exceptional Learners (3)
- EDCI 5724 Teaching Middle & Sec Schools 1(3)
- EDCI 5964 Field Studies (3) (Requires you to be in schools 2 full days –two days a week at the discretion of the CT and your other graduate class schedules.

Take Graduate conducting

**Spring Semester of Master’s degree (Spring) 12 credit load (no other courses permitted)**
- EDCI 5744 Teaching Middle & Sec Schools 2 (3)
- EDCI 5754 Internship Student Teaching (9) Full time internship student teaching

**Your Plan in Sequence:**

**SPRING senior year**
- EDCI 5264 Comp and Content Reading (3) MUST TAKE
- EDEP 5154 Psych Foundations for Teachers (3) MAY TAKE IF GPA OVER 3.3

**SUMMER 1**
- EDCI 5124 Behavioral Aspects of Music (3)

**SUMMER 2**
- EDCI 5704 Contemporary Issues in Music Education (3)

**FALL of Masters**
- EDCI 5104 Schooling In American Society (3) or
- EDEP 5154 Psych Foundations for Teachers (3) or
- EDCI 5554 Educating Exceptional Learners (3) and
- EDCI 5724 Teaching Middle & Sec Schools 1(3) and
- EDCI 5964 Field Studies (3) (Requires you to be in schools 2 full days –two days a week
- MUS 5744 Graduate Conducting (3).

**SPRING of Masters**
- EDCI 5744 Teaching Middle and Sec Schools 2 (3)
- EDCI 5754 Internship Student teaching (9)

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