

School of Music Master of Music General Academic Requirements and Academic Actions

Students who are accepted to begin work in the master of music program at Carnegie Mellon University are not automatic candidates for the degree. They must complete 36 units (12 credit hours) of graduate courses with a cumulative QPA of at least 3.0 before they may be considered as candidates for the master of music. Furthermore, the grade of at least a B must be earned each semester in the student's major area.

All master of music candidates are required either to pass basic competency examinations in music history and theory, or if failing to pass the examination, then to pass with a grade of B- or better the appropriate graduate courses before they may receive the degree. All competency examinations and/or coursework must be completed before registering for the third semester of study at Carnegie Mellon.

Master of music candidates in performance must perform a minimum of one full recital. All master of music candidates must pass a comprehensive review in their major area. Successful completion of this review is a requirement for graduation.

Students will complete all requirements for the master's degree within a maximum of seven years from original matriculation as a master's student, or less if required by a more restrictive department, school or college policy. Once this time-to-degree limit has lapsed, the person may resume work towards a master's degree only if newly admitted to a currently offered master's degree program under criteria determined by that program. Under extenuating circumstances, such as leave of absence, military or public service, family or parental leave, or temporary disability, a college/school may, upon the relevant department's recommendation and with the written approval of the dean (or designate), defer the lapse for a period commensurate with the duration of that interruption. Students who are pursuing the master's degree as part-time students for all semesters of their program, as approved by their program, may also appeal to their program or department for extension of the time to degree limit. *This rule will apply to all master's students matriculating at Carnegie Mellon University beginning in Fall 2012. The applicable previous Master's Student Statute of Limitations policy will apply to a master's student who matriculated at Carnegie Mellon University previous to Fall 2012.*

Normally, graduate credit earned at other institutions will not be accepted toward a graduate program at Carnegie Mellon. Students may petition for an exception to this policy.

Students will receive a "WARNING" if they fail to maintain professional standards in a required course or a cumulative 3.0 QPA. Warning action is intended to notify students of unsatisfactory work, so that they may take steps to determine and correct the difficulty. Graduate students may be dropped from their programs at any time if the faculty believes that they are failing to maintain the professional standards of the school or failing to make sufficient progress during any semester.