

MASTER OF ARTS IN BAND STUDIES*

The Master of Arts in Band Studies* (entitled Band Conducting through August 2019) is a 30 semester credit hour degree program delivered through a concentrated summer residency in Texas paired with on-line course delivery through SHSU Onlin (<https://online.shsu.edu>). The program includes interaction with prominent conductors, performers, teachers, and clinicians. It focuses on applicable skills for band directors in a summer-only program, combining an intense study of rehearsal techniques, pedagogy and sequential teaching methodology, score analysis, and literature for band.

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Students seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Band Studies* program must submit the following documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

1. [Graduate Application](http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html) (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. [Application fee](http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html) (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Students must submit three letters of recommendation.
4. Documentation providing evidence of a minimum of two years of experience teaching music at the elementary or secondary level or the professional equivalent.
5. Written essay describing current teaching experience and future professional goals.
6. Transcripts from all previous college level academic work are required and should be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies. An undergraduate/Baccalaureate degree in music is required.
7. International students must submit an official TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer based exam or at least 550 on the paper-based exam.

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Successful completion of a comprehensive examination is required for graduation. This exam, which is administered by SHSU faculty, is administered during the final semester. Students must be enrolled the semester in which they take comprehensive examinations.

All graduate music students must complete the following hours to meet the required minimum of 30 semester credit hours beyond the undergraduate degree:

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Arts in Band Studies		
Specified Courses		
MUEN 5112	Graduate Ensemble ¹	3
MUSI 5378	Sequential Methods: K-12 Music (offered as of Fall 2019) ¹	9
MUSI 5388	Seminar In Literature	3
MUSI 5398	Adv Study in Appl Discipline	3
MUSI 6285	Applied Analysis and Pedagogy ¹	6
MUSI 6388	Band Research & Pedagogy	3
MUSI 6031	Major Project	3
Total Hours		30

¹ Taken 3 times.

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