

# MUSIC EDUCATION (MAT)

## Master of Arts in Teaching in Music Education

Unit: School of Music (<https://louisville.edu/music/>); College of Education and Human Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/>) (GE)

Department: Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Education (<https://louisville.edu/education/departments/mise/>)

Program Webpage (<https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/mat-me/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): EDMUMAT

## Program Information

The MAT in Music Education at the University of Louisville combines advanced coursework in music and education with hands-on teaching experiences in diverse school environments. Students will engage in a rigorous curriculum that fosters pedagogical expertise, musicianship, and leadership, preparing them to inspire the next generation of musicians. The degree requires two semesters of student teaching in elementary and secondary schools, enabling graduate students to earn their initial teaching certification for Kentucky, grades P-12.

The Department of Teaching and Learning is committed to the highest standards of professional preparation. Our programs have sought and received national accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Graduates of initial teacher certification programs at the University of Louisville begin their teaching careers secure in the knowledge that they have been prepared for the real world of classrooms through a rigorous teacher preparation program.

The School of Music provides each student with a copy of the "Handbook for Graduate Music Students." Students are expected to read the Music Handbook and the Graduate Catalog and to follow regulations and procedures regarding their specific degree program at the University of Louisville.

## Admission Requirements

Candidates to initial teacher certification programs are required to submit credentials supporting their academic ability, creativity and collaboration, communication and critical thinking skills, positive disposition, and commitment to the teaching profession. These credentials include test scores, transcripts, writing samples, and letters of recommendation which support the candidate's ability to succeed in a rigorous teacher education program. Competitive candidates will be invited to a formal, faculty interview (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/interview/>).

Candidates for admission should review the following which outlines the expectations of the teaching profession:

1. Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel [PDF] (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/forms/Ethics%20Technology%20Forms%20August%202008.pdf>)
2. CEHD Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement [PDF] (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/forms/Ethics%20Technology%20Forms%20August%202008.pdf>)
3. Character and Fitness Questionnaire [PDF] (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/forms/character-fitness-questionnaire.pdf>)
4. Professional Dispositions Rubric [PDF] (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/forms/dispositions-rubric.pdf>)

5. Diversity Rubric [PDF] (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/forms/diversity-rubric.pdf>)
6. Effective Written Communication Rubric [PDF] (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/forms/effective-written-communication-rubric.pdf>)

## Application

Questions about the application should be directed to [teacher@louisville.edu](mailto:teacher@louisville.edu) (<http://louisville.edu/cgi-bin/uofl.mail?teacher>). Candidates will be notified via e-mail regarding the admission decision no later than six weeks after the application deadline. Applicants who are selected for admission will receive information about a mandatory orientation session.

## Application Deadlines

University of Louisville Music Education students applying for the MAT program should have already applied and been accepted, to the College of Education and Human Development teacher education program.

**The teacher education admission deadline occurs February 1 each year** and the application is typically submitted in the Spring semester of the sophomore year. For more information about this process, please click on the "how to apply" tab at [louisville.edu/education/degrees/bme](http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/bme) (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/bme/>).

All students must be admitted to teacher education to enroll in MUED coursework.

University of Louisville undergraduate students who plan to pursue the MAT program will submit an online graduate application during the last semester of their senior year. Please see Admission Criteria below. Application deadline: March 1st for Fall admission

## Admission Criteria for application to the MAT program

Candidates who meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching program. Candidates considering applying to the MAT program should contact their Music Education faculty advisor prior to applying for admission. Admission is competitive. Candidates who meet minimum academic requirements are not guaranteed admission to the program.

1. Application to Graduate School (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>)
2. PRAXIS II exams (official scores or registration ticket) (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-mse-praxis-ii/>)
3. Bachelor's Degree from Accredited College or University (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/bachelors/>) with a minimum 2.75 Grade Point Average (University of Louisville students are not required to submit a UofL transcript)
4. Prerequisite Course Requirements (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-me-prereq/>)
5. Letters of Recommendation (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/lor/>) (Letters submitted previously with teacher education application may be used.)
6. Professional Writing Requirements (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-mse-professional-statement/>) (Professional Writing Requirements submitted previously with teacher education application may be used.)
7. C or higher in ENGL 102
8. C or better in oral communication course

## Program Requirements

### Prerequisites

Completion of the pre-teacher education courses:

- EDTP 107/ECPY 507/ECPY 607 - Learning and Human Development
- EDTP 201/EDTP 502/EDTP 602 - Exploring Teaching P - 12, and
- EDTP 420/MUED 556 Special Methods in Secondary Teaching.

Appropriate bachelor's degree or specific music education content required. For specific admission requirements, contact the School of Music.

### Professional Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
MUED 628	Qualitative Research Methods	2
MUED 629	Foundations of Music Education	2
MUED 630	Quantitative Research Methods & Materials in Music Education	2
MUED 639	Learning Theories in Music Education	2
MUSA 511	Principal Applied Study	2
or MUSA 611	Applied Music	
or MUS 659	Seminar in Conducting I	
MUSA 512	Principal Applied Study	2
or MUSA 612	Applied Music	
or MUS 660	Seminar in Conducting II	
<b>Exit Requirements</b>		
MUED 607	Student Teaching Seminar I	3
MUED 609	Capstone Seminar (Second semester of student teaching) <sup>1</sup>	3
MUED 610	Music Student Teaching in the Elementary/Secondary Schools I (CE) <sup>1</sup>	6
MUED 611	Music Student Teaching in the Elementary/Secondary Schools II (CE) <sup>1</sup>	6
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Electronic documentation of 200 hours of diverse and approved field experiences required prior to student teaching.

### Certification Exit Assessment

Satisfactory dispositions assessment; passing scores on required PRAXIS exams; completion of degree requirements.

### Degree Exit Assessment

All certification and degree coursework completed with a 3.0 cumulative GPA; 2.5 cumulative GPA in content course requirements; "B-" or higher in each student teaching placement; satisfactory performance on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks; Target or better performance on all rubrics.

### Degree Candidacy

If not enrolled during the semester in which you are graduating, you must register for degree candidacy as outlined in the graduate catalog (see General Policies, Procedures and Requirements (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/graduate/general-policies-procedures-requirements/>)).

### Praxis Disclaimer

"Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for certification test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at [epsb.ky.gov](http://epsb.ky.gov) (<http://www.epsb.ky.gov>) or [ets.org/praxis/ky](http://ets.org/praxis/ky) (<http://www.ets.org/praxis/ky/>) for current requirements."

The Master of Arts in Teaching in Music Education program prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: <https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information> (<https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/>) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: <https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us?tab=disclosures> (<https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/?tab=disclosures>).