

**MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN
MASTER of MUSIC**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purpose of the Master of Music program is to provide professional prepare in music teaching.

Goal 1

Prepare studies for doctoral level study in a music field.

Expected Outcome

Graduates of the MM program will be well prepared for further graduate study at the doctoral level.

Assessment

- a. 85% of graduates will list "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" as a response to the statement "My graduate experiences at SLU prepared me well for further education at the doctoral level" contained in an exit questionnaire they will take shortly before graduation.
- b. 100% of those students who choose to apply for doctoral work will be admitted without difficulty to a program of their choice.

Goal 2

Provide advanced knowledge in music theory and history.

Expected Outcome

Graduates of the MM program will be well grounded in the subjects of music theory and music history.

Assessment

- a. 75% of graduates will score at or above the 50th percentile on the Major Field Achievement Test in Music (which they will be required to take shortly before graduation) compared to national results.

Goal 3

To develop professional level skills.

Expected Outcome (Music Theory - Composition Option)

Graduates of the MM program in Music Theory (Composition Option) will be able to compose with a high degree of expertise.

Assessment

The student's final composition project will be sent (along with a tape recorded performance of the work) for evaluation by a theory composition committee from a regional state university similar in size to SLU's Music Department. The project will be rated on a 1-10 scale (10 being "superior") in the areas of stylistic consistency of the chosen musical language, thorough treatment of the compositional materials, and the ability to write idiomatically for the selected media. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.

Expected Outcome (Music Theory - Thesis Option)

Graduates of the MM program in Music Theory (Thesis Option) will demonstrate ability to conduct significant research.

Assessment

The student's final thesis project will be sent for evaluation by a theory composition committee from a regional state university similar in size to SLU's Music Department. The thesis will be rated on a 1-10 scale (10 being "superior") for its worthiness of possible publication, contribution to our knowledge of the subject, the author's use of primary sources, and where appropriate, the depth of musical analysis. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.

Expected Outcome (Performance)

Graduates of the MM program in Performance will demonstrate by public performance an advanced level of performance ability.

Assessment

A tape recording of the student's degree recital will be sent for evaluation to a committee from a regional state university similar in size to SLU's Music Department. The tape will be rated on a scale from 1-10 (10 being "superior") in the areas of musicality, technical competence, stylistic awareness, and (for singers) diction. The average score must be 8.0 or higher.