

Study Plan of DMus Programme

Programme Title: DMus in Music Performance (DMUSMP)

Offered by: School of Music

1. Target Participants

The Programme is designed for students who hold a Master's degree in music and wish to pursue a higher degree in the area of Music Performance. Applicants should have competency in performing with rich performing experience. They should have participated actively in concert performance and have accumulated considerable performing experiences.

2. Programme Information

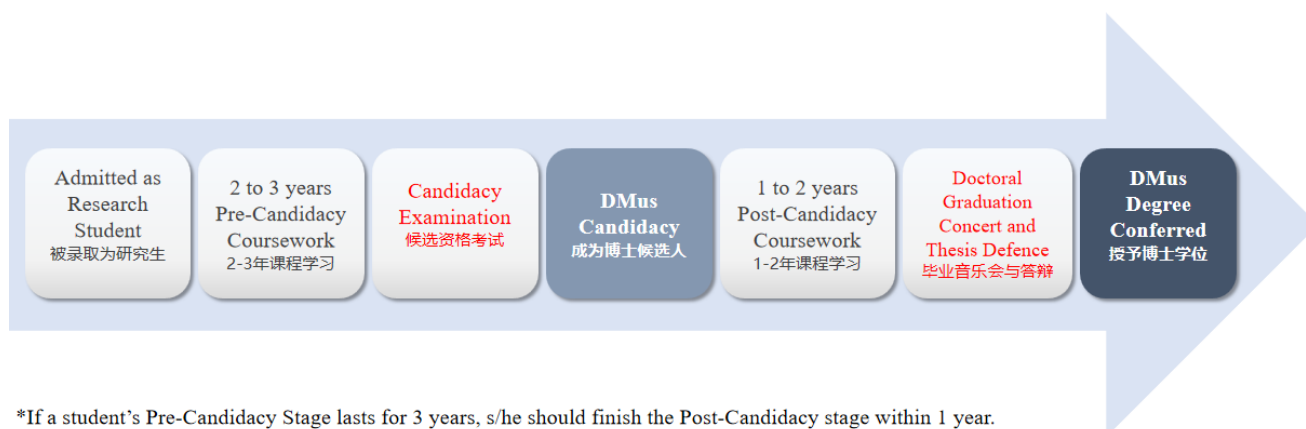
Study Mode: Full Time

Study Period:

Degree	Study Mode	Maximum Pre-Candidacy Period ¹	Normative Period	Maximum Period
DMus (entering with a Master's degree)	Full-time	36 months ²	36 months	48 months

1 Maximum period to pass the candidacy requirement, counted from first entry.

2 A student who fails to pass the candidacy requirement within the maximum pre-candidacy period is required to withdraw from the DMus Programme.



*If a student's Pre-Candidacy Stage lasts for 3 years, s/he should finish the Post-Candidacy stage within 1 year.

3. Course Requirement

DMus candidates have to complete a minimum number of units for required courses and elective courses during the pre-candidacy and post-candidacy stage.

For DMUSMP students, total number of units required for graduation is:

Piano Performance Concentration (Minimum Units Required Excluding CE courses: 51)		
Pre-Candidacy Stage (2 years)	Major Required Courses	3 units × 12 courses = 36 units
	Other Required Courses (Civic Education (CE) Courses)	Refer to the official notice from GS
Post-Candidacy Stage (1 year)	Major Required Courses	3 units × 5 courses = 15 units
	Other Required Courses (Civic Education (CE) Courses)	Refer to the official notice from GS

Exceeding Normative Study Period (if applicable, 1 year)	One of the Doctoral Graduation Concerts postponed: -MUS8632 Thesis: Doctoral Graduation Concert-Piano Solo- -MUS8633 Doctoral Graduation Concert-Piano with a Chamber Ensemble or Orchestra-	Minimum number of units: 3 units ×1 course = 3 units
	And/or any other course(s) not completed	
Vocal Performance Concentration (Minimum Unit Required Excluding CE courses: 45)		
Pre-Candidacy Stage (2 years)	Major Required Courses	3 units ×11 courses = 33 units
	Other Required Courses (Civic Education (CE) Courses)	Refer to the official notice from GS
Post-Candidacy Stage (1 year)	Major Required Courses	3 units ×3 courses = 9 units
	Major Elective Courses	3 units ×1 course = 3 units
	Other Required Courses (Civic Education (CE) Courses)	Refer to the official notice from GS
Exceeding Normative Study Period (if applicable, 1 year)	Postponed Doctoral Graduation Concerts: -MUS8633 Doctoral Graduation Concert-Vocalists-	Minimum number of units: 3 units ×1 course = 3 units
	And/or any other course(s) not completed	
Conducting Concentration (Minimum Unit Required Excluding CE courses: 45)		
Pre-Candidacy Stage (2 years)	Major Required Courses	3 units ×11 courses = 33 units
	Elective Courses	3 units ×1 course = 3 units
	Other Required Courses (Civic Education (CE) Courses)	Refer to the official notice from GS
Post-Candidacy Stage (1 year)	Required Courses	3 units ×2 courses = 6 units
	Elective Courses	3 units ×1 course = 3 units
	Other Required Courses (Civic Education (CE) Courses)	Refer to the official notice from GS
Exceeding Normative Study Period (if applicable, 1 year)	One of the two courses postponed: -MUS8333 Doctoral Graduation Concert-Conducting- -MUS8334 Professional Practice for Conductors-	Minimum number of units: 3 units ×1 course = 3 units
	And/or any other course(s) not completed	

3.1 Pre-Candidacy Stage

3.1.1 Course Requirement

Students in each concentration are required to complete 33-36 units of courses. The course list can be found in the appendix.

3.1.2 Course Exemption

Course exemption may be granted to Vocal Performance and Conducting students who have taken an identical postgraduate course with outstanding result (“A” or “A-” grade). Supporting documents such as academic

transcripts, course syllabus, certificates/diplomas and proof of compliance must be provided. Exemption for a maximum of 3 units may be granted. Upon the approval of course exemption, students will be required to replace the exempted courses with electives of equal number of units. Applications will be assessed individually by the Division Head and should be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School after the endorsement of the Programme Director and the Graduate Panel Chair.

Please refer to the Policy on Course and Unit Exemptions posted on the official website of Graduate School for more details: <https://gs.cuhk.edu.cn/page/52>.

3.1.3 Candidacy Examination

Students are required to complete course requirement and pass the candidacy examination between the end of the second academic year and the end of the maximum pre-candidacy period to obtain candidacy. Candidacy examination will be comprehensive and rigorous, including two parts:

Part I - Written Examination on the related discipline;

Part II - Lecture Demonstration/Concert.

A student must obtain a pass grade in both of the above two Parts to pass the Candidacy Examination. A student can attempt each Part a maximum of two times.

3.2 Post-Candidacy Stage

3.2.1 Course Requirement

Students in each concentration are required to complete 9-15 units of courses. The course list can be found in the appendix.

3.2.2 Doctoral Graduation Concert and Thesis Defence

The Doctoral Graduation Concert is the actualization of the research work and practices. A DMus candidate is required to pass:

- i) a thesis oral examination, and
- ii) a doctoral graduation concert.

Both of them should be assessed by an Assessment Committee.

3.3. Post-candidacy – Students Exceeding Normative Study Period

If a student cannot stage the Doctoral Graduation Concert within normative study period, he/she may apply to postpone the concert to another time as approved by the School. However, that student must register for the Doctoral Graduation Concert course and/or any other course(s) that have not yet completed.

4. Progress towards Graduation

Please refer to **5. Progress towards Graduation** in Code of Practice.

5. Other Information

Code of Practice Research Postgraduate Studies refers to <https://gs.cuhk.edu.cn/RPG>

Other Supplementary Materials (including Copyright, Academic Integrity, Honesty in Academic Work and Research and Thesis Writing, etc.) refers to <https://gs.cuhk.edu.cn/page/143>

Piano Performance Concentration**Pre-Candidacy Stage****Required Courses:**

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS7600	Graduate Study for Pianists I	3	C
MUS7601	Graduate Study for Pianists II	3	C
MUS7610	Piano Literature - Solo	3	C
MUS7611	Essentials of Proper Piano Technique	3	C
MUS7612	Chamber Music Literature for Piano	3	C
MUS7613	Teaching and Developing Virtuoso Piano Playing	3	C
MUS8600	Graduate Study for Pianists III	3	C
MUS8601	Graduate Study for Pianists IV	3	C
MUS8610	Orchestral Works for Piano	3	C
MUS8611	The Art of Music Score Reading	3	C
MUS8620	Contemporary Piano Literature	3	C
MUS8621	Psychology and Methodology of Music Teaching	3	C

Post-Candidacy Stage**Required Courses:**

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS8602	Graduate Study for Pianists V	3	C
MUS8622	Thesis in Piano Performance	3	C
MUS8623	Preparing and Presenting a Lecture Recital	3	C
MUS8632	Doctoral Graduation Concert – Piano Solo	3	C
MUS8633	Doctoral Graduation Concert – Piano with a Chamber Ensemble or Orchestra	3	C

Elective Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
GGE5001C	Academic Writing and Presentation	2	Pass

Vocal Performance Concentration

Pre-Candidacy Stage

Required Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS7200	Graduate Study for Vocalists I	3	C
MUS7201	Graduate Study for Vocalists II	3	C
MUS7202	Special Topic in Vocal Music Literature I	3	C
MUS7203	Special Topic in Vocal Music Literature II	3	C
MUS7210	Doctoral Vocal Solo Recital I	3	C
MUS7211	Doctoral Vocal Solo Recital II	3	C
MUS8200	Graduate Study for Vocalists III	3	C
MUS8201	Graduate Study for Vocalists IV	3	C
MUS8202	Doctoral Seminar for Vocalists	3	C
MUS8203	Opera Studies I	3	C
MUS8211	Candidacy Examination Preparation cum Examination for Vocalists	3	C

Post-Candidacy Stage

Required Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS8222	Graduate Study for Vocalists V	3	C
MUS8232	Thesis in Vocal Performance	3	C
MUS8233	Doctoral Graduation Concert – Vocalists	3	C

Elective Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
GGE5001C	Academic Writing and Presentation	2	Pass
MUS8204	Opera Studies II	3	C
MUS8205	Vocal Works by Chinese Composers	3	C

Conducting Concentration

Pre-Candidacy Stage

Required Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS7300	Graduate Study for Conductors I	3	C
MUS7301	Graduate Study for Conductors II	3	C
MUS7302	Advanced Score Reading and Musicianship for Conductors	3	C
MUS7303	Special Topic in Orchestral Music Literature I	3	C
MUS7310	Conducting Practicum I	3	C
MUS7311	Conducting Practicum II	3	C
MUS8300	Graduate Study for Conductors III	3	C
MUS8301	Graduate Study for Conductors IV	3	C
MUS8303	Special Topic in Orchestral Music Literature II	3	C
MUS8310	Orchestral Conducting Seminar	3	C
MUS8320	Opera Conducting I	3	C

Elective Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS8323	Chamber Ensemble/Orchestra Repertoire Studies and Conducting	3	C
MUS8324	Music Literature and Its Interpretations in Humanities	3	C

Post-Candidacy Stage

Required Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
MUS8321	Opera Conducting II	3	C
MUS8322	Thesis in Orchestral Conducting	3	C

Elective Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Units	Minimum Grade
GGE5001C	Academic Writing and Presentation	2	Pass
MUS8333	Doctoral Graduation Concert – Conducting	3	C
MUS8334	Professional Practice for Conductors	3	C

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