

2019-20 SCHOOL OF MUSIC

GRADUATE STUDENT DEADLINES

Comprehensive Exams

Graduate comprehensive examinations are administered only once per fall and spring semester. Comps will be given on the Tuesday and Wednesday immediately preceding the first full day of fall break (mid-semester study break) and on the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the first full day of spring break. Please check the UA Academic Calendar for dates of fall and spring breaks.

Fall 2019 Comps: October 29 & 30, 2019
Spring 2020 Comps: March 10 & 11, 2020

The comprehensive examination is a four-part test. Each of the four components lasts three hours and is scheduled as follows:

TUESDAY [Fall 2019, October 29] [Spring 2020, March 10]
9:00–12:00 Part One
2:00–5:00 Part Two

WEDNESDAY [Fall 2019, October 30] [Spring 2020, March 11]
9:00–12:00 Part Three
2:00–5:00 Part Four

Oral Exams for MM Thesis Students (Theory/Composition/Musicology)

MM students who write a thesis will take the oral exam at the meeting for defense of the thesis. (See the following page for details.)

Oral Exams for MM Non-Thesis Students (Performance, Conducting, etc.)

MM students who do not write a thesis meet with the advisory committee for the Oral Examination, which serves as the culminating event at the School of Music. By this date, all coursework, recitals, and lecture/recitals must have been completed. Oral Exams are scheduled in late November and in early April.

Fall 2019: November 18–22 (November 27 is the last day to report results.)
Spring 2020: April 6–17 (April 17 is the last day to report results.)

Please check the Graduate School's "Student Deadlines" calendar (<https://graduate.ua.edu/current-students/student-deadlines/>) for other important dates.

MM Thesis Deadlines

Submission by the following deadlines DOES NOT guarantee graduation by the term indicated.

Earlier submissions are strongly encouraged, as a required rewrite of any component of the thesis project (proposal, first draft, or final version) may necessitate an extension into the following semester. Late submissions will not be considered for the graduation term indicated.

MM Thesis proposal:

Anticipated spring or summer graduation: proposal due by November 01 of preceding fall semester

Anticipated fall graduation: proposal due by April 01 of preceding spring semester

MM Thesis draft for defense:

Anticipated spring graduation: draft due February 15 of that same spring semester

Anticipated fall graduation: draft due October 01 of that same fall semester

MM Thesis defense and oral exam:

Defense to be scheduled pending acceptance of the draft by the committee.

NOTE: MM comps, recital, lecture or lecture-recital, and thesis must be completed by the defense.

Defense dates will be set no later than three days before the date for submission of documents and manuscripts set by the Graduate School. For Fall 2019, this date is Friday, November 1; in spring, near mid-March; for the \$61 option*, the last day to turn in semester grades. These dates are available, usually one year in advance, at <https://graduate.ua.edu/current-students/student-deadlines/>. Unfortunately, they often fail to take into account fall or spring break, and defenses must be scheduled earlier in some semesters than in others.

Ex. 1 - MM anticipated Fall 2019 graduation

MM thesis proposal due April 1, 2019

MM draft for defense due October 1, 2019

Recital, lecture or lecture-recital, defense, final project submission to Graduate School:

all completed by October 29, 2019

Ex. 2 - MM anticipated Spring 2020 graduation

MM thesis proposal due November 1, 2019

MM draft for defense due February 15, 2020

Recital, lecture or lecture-recital, defense, thesis submission to Graduate School:

all completed by March 12, 2020

*\$61 option: Students who complete all requirements for the degree, including the defense and submission of the thesis, by the last day to turn in grades for any semester (December 17, 2019; May 5, 2020) may graduate in the following semester without registering for classes and paying tuition. Graduation fees and a fee for reapplying for graduation online usually total c. \$61.

DMA Project Deadlines

Submission by the following deadlines DOES NOT guarantee graduation by the term indicated.

Earlier submissions are strongly encouraged, as a required rewrite of any component of the final project (proposal, first draft, or final version) may necessitate an extension into the following semester. Late - submissions will not be considered for the graduation term indicated.

DMA final project proposal:

Anticipated spring or summer graduation: proposal due by October 01 of preceding fall semester

Anticipated fall graduation: proposal due by February 15 of preceding spring semester

DMA final project first draft:

Anticipated spring graduation: first draft due January 15 of that same spring semester

Anticipated spring \$61 option: first draft due February 15 of that same spring semester

Anticipated fall graduation: first draft due September 01 of that same fall semester

Anticipated fall \$61 option: first draft due October 01 of that same fall semester

DMA final project draft for defense and oral exam:

At the first-draft meeting, the committee will set two dates:

1. date by which the student must present the defense draft to the DGS for committee consideration
2. a tentative defense date, pending committee approval

NOTE: DMA comps, recitals, lecture or lecture-recital, and project must be completed by the defense.

Defense dates will be set no later than three days before the date for submission of documents and manuscripts set by the Graduate School. In fall semesters, this date is usually near October 25; in spring, near March 13; for the \$61 option*, the last day to turn in semester grades. These dates are available, usually one year in advance, at <https://graduate.ua.edu/current-students/student-deadlines/>. Unfortunately, they often fail to take into account fall or spring break, and defenses must be scheduled earlier in some semesters than in others.

Ex. 1 DMA anticipated Fall 2019 graduation

DMA final project proposal due February 15, 2019

DMA first draft due September 01, 2019

Final recital, lecture or lecture-recital, defense, final project submission to Graduate School:

all completed by October 29, 2019

Ex. 2 DMA anticipated Spring 2020 graduation

DMA final project proposal due by October 01, 2019

DMA first draft due by January 15, 2020

Final recital, lecture or lecture-recital, defense, final project submission to Graduate School:

all completed by March 12, 2020

*\$61 option: Students who complete all requirements for the degree, including the defense and submission of the final document or essay, by the last day to turn in grades for any semester (December 17, 2019; May 5, 2020) may graduate in the following semester without registering for classes and paying tuition. Graduation fees and a fee for reapplying for graduation online usually total c. \$61. International students should know that OPT begins on the last day to turn in grades, not on the date of graduation for the following term. For example, if you turn in your document on May 3 to graduate in August, your OPT will begin on May 3.