Why a Master of Music Degree?

More and more music professionals are earning their master’s degree as a way to advance in their careers and enhance their music knowledge. Music teachers in public schools go through intensive training as undergraduates, but there is a limit to how much can be covered at that level. These teachers frequently lead ensembles as part of their work but need additional education and training to further develop these skills and to focus more intensely on specialized topics. UTEP’s Master of Music degree in Conducting provides this in-depth training, and because it has a curricular component that can be completed online during the academic year when public schools are in session, this degree is convenient for working professionals.

Online Master of Music With a Concentration in Conducting

Program Highlights

30 credit hours
In-state tuition: $490/credit hour*
Out-of-state tuition: $575/credit hour*

* Tuition is based on 2021-2022 rates and is subject to change.

- Designed to fit perfectly around school schedules; is one of only two programs in the country that may be completed with two summer on-campus components and remaining curricular requirements online.
- Unique format combines the best of online and face-to-face learning and allows public school music teachers to pursue a Master of Music degree while continuing to work full-time.
- Allows students to focus on either wind, choral, or orchestral conducting.
- Teaches a pedagogically-based curriculum that includes in-depth study of various areas of specialty.
- Provides access to a stellar faculty.
- Offered by UTEP’s College of Liberal Arts.

Ready to connect or have questions? Call 1-800-684-UTEP to speak with an enrollment counselor today or visit us at utepconnect.utep.edu.
Admissions Requirements
To qualify for admission into the Master of Music with Concentration in Conducting program, you must:

- Submit a completed graduate admissions application and application fee
- Submit official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School
- Have earned a bachelor’s degree in music or its equivalent
- Provide the following: a Statement of Purpose, two letters of recommendation, and a link to a 10-minute performance video

International students whose first language is not English must also submit:

- Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 79 on the online version, or 550 on the paper-based version

Admissions factors will be reviewed holistically to assess the potential of the applicant.

For more information and questions regarding the application process, please contact Graduate Music Program Director, Dr. Dominic Dousa (ddousa@utep.edu; 915-747-7819).

Curriculum
The Master of Music with a Concentration in Conducting requires 30 credit hours, which consist of 15 hours of core coursework and 15 hours of additional music courses. The additional courses to be taken will depend on whether the focus is on orchestral conducting or choral conducting. All students are required to complete the following required courses with a C average or better.

### Core Coursework (15 credits)

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### Additional Courses in Music (15 credits)

#### Wind Conducting

- MUSA 5351 Woodwind Pedagogy
- MUSA 5352 Brass Pedagogy
- MUSA 5353 Percussion Pedagogy
- MUSL 5344 Wind History and Lit. I
- MUST 5345 Wind History and Lit. II

#### Choral Conducting

- MUSA 5351 Vocal Pedagogy
- MUSA 5362 Graduate Diction
- MUSA 5346 Choral History and Lit.

2 elective courses

#### Orchestral Conducting

- MUSA 5354 String Pedagogy

One additional pedagogy course (MUSE 5351, 5352, or 5353)

One history and literature course

2 elective courses

* Students residing in the El Paso region can elect to take these courses in face-to-face or hybrid format.

Total Credits: 30

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.