#### 2024-2025 Assessment Plans and Reports

#### Master of Music in Education - MME-MMED

Academic year 2024-2025

Master of Music in Education - MME-MMED Learning Outcomes

Implementation of Content

Upon completion of the program, the student will demonstrate knowledge and skills in the pedagogy of music education.

NASM accreditation standards XIV.B.6.b and XIV.E.1

MEASURES	RESULTS	ACTIONS
Rating Scale Assignment  Students develop a criterion-related rating scale (observational only) to evaluate a music-teaching situation either in person on in a shared video. They then use the scale to rate a teaching video (teacher effectiveness, student behavior, musicianship). The assessed video may be of an elementary music classroom, or a band or choir rehearsal. A discussion board follows.  Direct - Assignment  Inquiry in Music Education: MUED 5321  Target  70% of students will score 70% or higher on a rubric-evaluated assignment.  5321 SACSCOC Assessments.docx	MET Rating Scale Assignment Exceeded  0% 100% Values are not shown when too close to each other. Click or use arrow keys to see details.  Exceeded: 100% Met Total: 100% Not Met Total: Analysis  All students exceeded expectations on the rubric.	Revise Curriculum IN PROGRESS  Next year, students will be asked to include a brief reflection on what they learned and how the new knowledge will be incorporated into their teaching.  Recommended Due Date: 06/01/2026
Short Paper on the Future of Music Education  This assignment asks students to write a 400-700 word paper on their vision of where music education is headed over the next 50 years, critically evaluating their ideas based on course materials. They then opt to present that paper in video format or using some alternative format. The paper must include a short 5-source annotated bibliography.  Direct - Assignment  History Music Ed in the US: MUED 5331  Target  70% of students will score 70% or higher on the rubric.  5331 SACSCOC Assessments.docx	MET Short Paper on the Future of Music Education  Exceeded  0% 100% Values are not shown when too close to each other. Click or use arrow keys to see details.  Exceeded: 100% Met Total: Not Met Total: Analysis  The goal of 70% at 70% was met.	Revise Curriculum  Not Started  Given the 100% "exceeded" result, the director of graduate studies in music recommends that the faculty teaching the course in Summer 2025 choose a different assignment/activity to assess in order to better identify ways in which the course's content and outcome could be effectively measured in ways that would further improve expected educational outcomes.  Recommended Due Date: 08/01/2025

#### **Professional Competence**

Upon completion of the program, the student will demonstrate professional competence by articulating how to adapt concepts and theories from coursework to possible real-life situations in the music classroom or performance.

NASM accreditation standards XII.B.1 and XIV.A.2 and XIV.E.3

### Comprehensive Exam Section on Music

The comprehensive exam is given to graduating students in their final semester of studies. A three-person faculty committee administers and oversees the written exam, which is performed in an "organization" space on Blackboard. Students are given a set of at least 6 questions, with a minimum of 2 designated as in the domain of music education (the others being in music history or music theory). They have two hours to answer the questions, after which they are scored by the committee and either passed or asked additional questions as follow-ups.

Direct - Exam (Certification/ Licensure)

#### Target

**MEASURES** 

Education

90% of students will score as proficient (75% acceptable/pass or higher) on an exam question in the field of music education chosen by the music education representative on the committee.

<u>Graduate Comprehensive Exams music educ</u> ation Rubric.docx

## RESULTS NOT MET

Comprehensive Exam Section on Music Education

Not Met

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Not Met: 100%

Met Total:

Not Met Total: 100%

#### **Analysis**

The music education faculty decided that this year's comprehensive exam questions did not adequately reflect the diverse areas of expertise called for in the comprehensive rubric. Therefore three of the four areas were not addressed in their questions and the rubric could not be completed.

#### **ACTIONS**

#### Revise Measurement / Assessment

Not Started

The Music Education faculty will meet in the summer or early fall to decide how to assess this area's outcomes. They will either write a new rubric and/or create a set of questions to be administered during the comprehensive exams in order to properly evaluate all the areas of the music education curriculum as we have done in the past.

Note: The DGS in music is on development leave in the fall semester and the faculty involved in this revision are: J. Fresne, M. Miranda, J. Han, A. McMahan

Recommended Due Date: 09/15/2025

#### Comprehensive Exam Section on Music History and Theory

The comprehensive exam is given to graduating students in their final semester of studies. A three-person faculty committee administers and oversees the written exam, which is performed in an "organization" space on Blackboard. Students are given a set of at least 6 questions, with a minimum of 2 designated as in the domain of music history and/or music theory (the others being in music education). They have two hours to answer the questions, after which they are scored by the committee and either passed or asked additional questions as follow-ups.

Direct - Exam (Certification/ Licensure)

#### Target

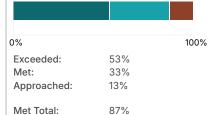
75% of students will score 75% (acceptable/pass) or higher on an exam question in the field of music history/theory as chosen by the music history/theory representative on the committee

<u>Graduate Comprehensive Exams History and Theory Rubric.docx</u>

#### MET

Comprehensive Exam Section on Music History and Theory

■ Exceeded ■ Met ■ Approached



13%

#### Analysis

Not Met Total:

86% of the students (13/15) met or exceeded the requirements for this section of the comprehensive exam. In the past year one of our music history courses was QM revised, likely contributing to such a fine score.

Because our music theory professor is planning on retiring at the end of Spring 2027 (the next reporting period), and our music history professor is on faculty development leave in F25 we do not anticipate any major changes or actions in this area for the next reporting period.

#### **Maintain Assessment Strategy**

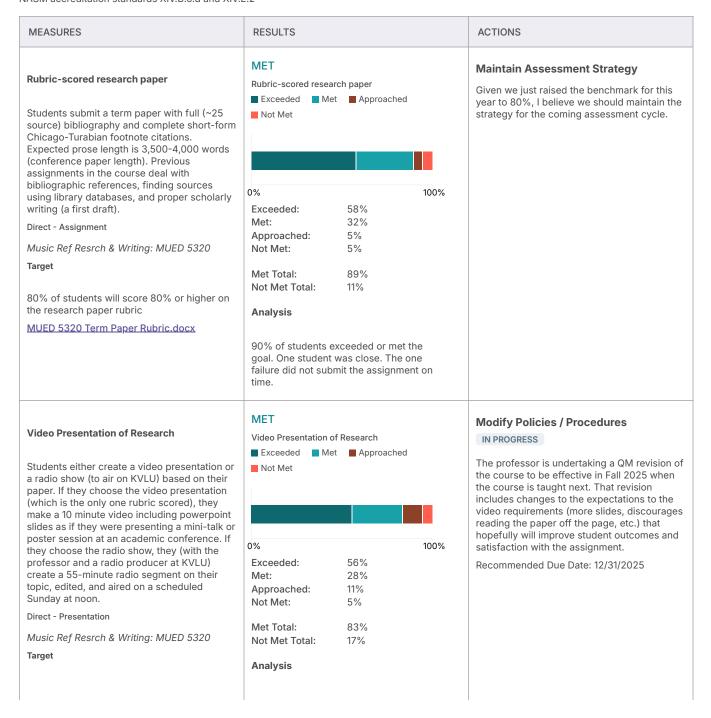
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#### Critical Thinking

Upon completion of the program, the student will articulate and write on factors relating to comprehension, pedagogy, or appreciation of an issue in music education or performance.

NASM accreditation standards XIV.B.6.d and XIV.E.2



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80% of students will score 80% or higher (proficient) on a rubric-scored research presentation.

MUED 5320 Presentation Rubric.docx

We are meeting our assessment goals in this area, but only just.

#### Perspective on Contemporary Issues

Upon completion of the program, students will develop graduate-level perspectives on contemporary issues and problems in music education. This may include a review of curriculum developments, teaching methodology, innovations, and multidisciplinary concepts in advanced seminars or by other means.

NASM accreditation standard XIV.E.2

MEASURES	RESULTS	ACTIONS
Short Paper on Music Education Methodology Implementation  In a two-part paper (800-950 words), students first compare and evaluate objectives from previously-written activity plans, identifying gaps and strengths, and discussing earlier feedback from colleagues. They then select two methodologies (Orff, Kodaly, Dalcroze, Music Integration, Suzuki, etc.) and provide specific examples of how they implement them into their teaching to enhance student learning.  Direct - Assignment  Survey Music Teaching Methods: MUED 5332  Target  70% of the students will score 70% or higher on the assessment rubric.  5332 SACSCOC Assessments.docx	MET  Short Paper on Music Education Methodology Implementation ■ Exceeded ■ Met  O% 100%  Values are not shown when too close to each other. Click or use arrow keys to see details.  Exceeded: 75% Met: 25%  Met Total: 100% Not Met Total: 100% Not Met Total: 4  Exceeding the rubric score goals. The benchmark will be raised next year so that exceeding = 85% or higher on the rubric with an expectation that 85% of students will score as proficient or higher overall.  In response to Spring 2024 results, the professor adapted the rubric, to include 4 levels (Mastery, Proficient, Competent, Novice), to create a clearer picture in the Spring 2025 results. While all students met or exceeded the target (70% or higher), 75% exceeded the expectations, and the remaining 25% met expectations. I'm pleased with the rubric, but plan in Spring 2026 to further clarify the instructions for the students as a few missed important steps. I am pleased overall with their grasp of the content, and that is reflected in the final scores.	Revise Benchmark / Target  COMPLETE  The benchmark will be raised next year so that exceeding = 85% or higher on the rubric with an expectation that 85% of students will score as proficient or higher overall.  Recommended Due Date: 06/01/2025
Music Analysis Final Project	MET  Music Analysis Final Project	Maintain Assessment Strategy  Because our music theory professor is planning on retiring at the end of Spring 2027

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Students submit a comprehensive (in-score and written prose) analysis of a post-tonal composition of the instructor's choosing. The composition will be of recent vintage, limiting recourse to online research. The composition will typically combine elements of tonality, pitch-centricity, and atonality, necessitating innovation and resourcefulness on the part of the student as they figure out which mode(s) of pitch-analysis to employ.

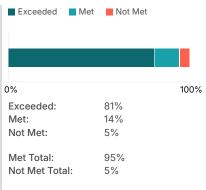
#### Direct - Assignment

Twentieth Century Harmony: MUTY 5350

#### Target

70% of students will score 70% or higher on a rubric-scored analysis assignment.

MUTY 5350 CONTENT ASSESSMENT Rubric. docx



#### **Analysis**

20 students met the goal with 1 student missing the mark.

The professor has indicated the following changes for AY 2025-26:

- Fewer problems requiring absolute, quantitative responses. Instead, more personal perspective "essay" and "short answer" responses.
- The rubric's "exceed" expectation shall be lowered from ≥85% to ≥83%

Because our music theory professor is planning on retiring at the end of Spring 2027 (the next reporting period) we do not anticipate any major changes or actions for the course until F26 or F27. The person replacing our music theory professor will undoubtedly undertake a curriculum revision when they assume the position, at which we'll need to revisit our goals and expected outcomes.

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