

GRADUATE STUDIES IN MUSIC
PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION POLICY

1. Examiners may confer about the recital before submitting the report.
2. The final mark for all master's and diploma projects, including opera roles, repertoire exams and quick study, will be an average of the three grades submitted by the three examiners.
3. Conducting students must pass both the rehearsal portion as well as the public performance.
4. For the D.Mus. recitals and lecture-recital, the panel will consist of an external member and the D.Mus. committee consisting of the Committee Chair (AD or representative), teacher, area chair or representative, and the Music Research committee member, for a total of 5 panel members; it will be graded on a pass/fail basis. The final paper will be graded only by the D.Mus. committee. A final grade will be entered on the record only when both parts of the project – lecture recital and paper have been passed.
5. For D.Mus. recitals and lecture-recital (including final paper), the AD or representative gives a grade only if there is a tie between the other members of the panel. In all other cases, a pass is given if there is a majority of the members giving a pass.
6. If an examination receives a final mark of F (not passed) the student has the choice of repeating the same program for the same panel within six weeks or doing a new program for a new panel within one year. If the student opts to play a new program, no more than 20 minutes (50% for jazz exams) of the original program may be repeated. Quick studies and recording projects will be required to do a new role or recording within one year. For orchestral repertoire exams, if the student opts for a new exam, no more than 33% of the original repertoire may be repeated. For string players, a new Bach movement should be substituted. After the first failure, a grade of HH (which designates “continuing”) will be recorded on the student's transcript. The student must be informed in writing by the department that he/she has failed the exam and must be informed of conditions relating to a repeat of the exam, including the nature of the re-examination and panel membership, as well as the deadline for retaking the exam. A failed exam may be repeated only once. Students who fail an exam a second time will be asked to withdraw from the program.
7. If the student does not repeat the exam by the deadline specified by the unit, the HH will be converted into F and the student will be withdrawn from the university. In the event that the repeat exam is judged to have failed, the student will receive a grade of F and will be withdrawn from the university.

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