



# Mead Witter School of Music

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

## GRADUATE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### Minimum requirements for admission to the graduate program:

- 🎓 Completion of a Bachelor's degree in Music at a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- 📖 Sufficient coursework in Music History and Music Theory, generally four semesters of each.
- 🌐 All international students must submit a TOEFL score of **85 or higher**. Waivers are NOT granted by the School of Music.
- 💰 International students must also show possession of sufficient funds (~\$47,000) to cover tuition and living expenses for one year.

### BASIC MATERIALS

- Statement of purpose**  
Clearly state your instrument and/or the degree you are seeking. Describe your educational and professional journey. Be sure to include any relevant teaching experience and other skills that qualify you to serve as a Teaching Assistant in the School of Music.
- Three letters of recommendation**  
Your recommenders will receive a link to complete their letters online, so be sure that you have entered the correct email address and contact information for each recommender.
- Resume**  
Please limit your resume to 1-2 pages. We will not read more than 2 pages.
- Unofficial transcripts**  
Upload an unofficial transcript or grade report from each school where you have received a degree or taken music courses. This can be a scan or screenshot of your grade report, or a full transcript. If you are recommended for admission by the School of Music, the Graduate School will ask you to provide an official transcript in order to finalize your admission.

### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

- Writing samples (1-2)**  
**Required for the Master of Arts (M.A.) and all Doctoral degrees (D.M.A., Ph.D.)**  
Submit 1-2 academic writing samples in your field of study. M.A. & Ph.D. candidates should submit substantial research paper(s).  
**Note:** Applicants for the Master of Music (M.M.) degree do not need to submit a writing sample.
- GRE test scores**  
**Required for Musicology and Music Theory only**  
There is no minimum required GRE score. Please send your scores electronically to UW-Madison. Our school code is 1846.
- Audio/video recordings (20-25 min)**  
**Required for all performers (Brass, Conducting, Percussion, Piano, Strings, Voice, Woodwinds)**  
**IMPORTANT:** See recording requirements for each area. These will be used for audition prescreening and funding consideration. You will be asked to provide **URL link(s)** to all recordings. Recordings may be placed on YouTube or any other file sharing site.
- Scores with audio recordings (3-5)**  
**Required for Composition only**  
Scores must be in **PDF** format. Accompanying audio recordings must be in **.mp3** format.

Deadline for **ALL** application materials: **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

✉ If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact James Doing, Jr., at [gradadmissions@music.wisc.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@music.wisc.edu)