





UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
Mead Witter School of Music



“What do I need to prepare for my application?”

**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**.
-  If admitted, international students must also show possession of sufficient funds (~\$47,000) in order to cover tuition and living expenses for one year.

**BASIC APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**



**Statement of Purpose**

Clearly state your instrument and/or the degree you are seeking. Describe your educational and professional goals. Be sure to include any relevant teaching experience and other skills that would qualify you to serve as a Teaching Assistant.



*See sample statement on our website for tips.*



**Resume**

Please limit your resume to 1-2 pages. We will not read more than 2 pages.



**Letters of recommendation (x3)**

Select three people to serve as your recommenders. When you enter their names on the application, they will receive an automated link to upload their PDF letters online.

- Please choose recommenders who are able to upload documents online! We are not able to accept letters via mail or email.



**Unofficial transcripts**

You will upload an unofficial transcript or grade report from each school where you have received a degree. This can be a scan or screenshot of your grade report, or a full transcript.

- If possible, please upload a basic grade report (black on white) in order to help us save ink when printing!
- If you are recommended for admission by the School of Music, the Graduate School will ask you to provide official transcript(s) in order to finalize your admission.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**



**Writing sample(s)**

*Required for M.A., Ph.D., and D.M.A. only*

Submit 1-2 samples of your academic writing. Musicology and Theory candidates should submit substantial research paper(s).



**GRE score report**

*Required for Musicology and Theory only*

There is no minimum required score. Please send your score report electronically from the ETS website. Our school code is 1846.



**TOEFL score of 85+**



*Required for all international students*

The School of Music does not grant TOEFL waivers. Please send your score report electronically from the ETS website. Our school code is 1846.



**Audio/video recordings (20-30 min)**

*Required for all performance degrees*

See “Recording Requirements” for instructions from your area of study. Recordings may be placed on YouTube or any other file sharing site. You must provide URL links.



**Composition scores w/ audio (3-5)**

*Required for Composition only*

Upload a maximum of **5 PDFs** with accompanying audio recordings in **.mp3** format. See “Recording Requirements” for more information.