

# Conducting

Master of Music (M.M.) – Music Education, Conducting Specialization



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
ONLINE

## Overview

CSU's Master of Music Education with a conducting specialization enables you to study online during the school year and get hands-on conducting practice during a summer session on campus. Projects are customized for your particular teaching situation, so you are able to immediately apply the techniques you learn to reinvigorate your lesson plans with gained skills and knowledge.

### Connect with faculty, musicians, and other music educators in on-campus summer sessions

Perfect your podium presence working with local professional choirs, bands, and orchestras, while receiving personal faculty mentorship. The annual summer conducting seminar includes hands-on workshop sessions taught by CSU faculty as well as some of the most prestigious pedagogues from around the country.

Unique to this program, you benefit from ample practice time at the podium, which provides you with immediate feedback from faculty and the musicians you lead. The curriculum focuses on developing your:

- Score preparation
- Baton technique
- Rehearsal strategies
- Suggested repertoire

### Focus on music education in a customized curriculum

Refine your conducting techniques and learn to implement music education research, foundational principles, and analysis to enhance your effectiveness as an educator.

CSU faculty understand that each teaching situation is unique. The projects assigned in this program can be tailored to your personal classroom, allowing you to practice newly learned techniques and gain insightful feedback from instructors. The online Master of Music Education curriculum offers the flexibility to study from wherever you are during the school year and the opportunity to immediately apply what you learn to your classroom.

## Curriculum

With this graduate degree, you take a variety of courses in advanced conducting, score preparation, rehearsal strategies, the Laban method for expressive conducting, curriculum development, jazz pedagogy, and historical performance and practice.

## Delivery

Online and on campus

## Credits

30 credits

## Tuition

\$585.04 – \$746 per credit

- \$1500 fee for summer session
- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

## Time frame

Can be completed in 2 years

## Completion requirements

- Conducting Seminar comprised of three consecutive summer sessions worth four credits each
- An on-campus graduate recital
- 17 graduate-level credits which can be done online or on campus
- Of the total 30 credits for this degree, a minimum of 24 must be earned at CSU
- A final public conducting project during the third summer serves as the Master's Recital.

## More info

[online.colostate.edu/degrees/conducting](https://online.colostate.edu/degrees/conducting)

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# How to Apply

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## Application Deadline

Summer Semester: **February 1**

### 1 Review Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in music education from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate coursework

### 2 Prepare Application Materials

- **Three letters of recommendation** – Three professional recommendations are required. We recommend letters come from faculty, supervisors, etc. who can accurately speak to your skills. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.
- **Curriculum vitae** – Your current professional and educational curriculum vitae should include your professional employment, collegiate work, and any publications, exhibitions, service activities, prizes, and awards.
- **Five-minute conducting DVD** – Please submit a video filmed from the front so conducting techniques are visible. Include two minutes of concert footage and three minutes of rehearsal footage.

### 3 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

- Select "Music MM/Music Education - Conducting - Distance" when choosing the program of study.

### 4 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)

Send paper copies to:  
Graduate Admissions  
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
1062 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

## Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

## International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.