

## **Graduate Certificate in Conducting (Choral, Orchestral, or Wind)**

Department of Music and Dance  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

A graduate certificate in conducting prepares post-baccalaureate performers, educators, theorists, historians, composers, and other musicians to conduct music in a variety of settings. These credentials certify that students have acquired professional skills necessary to conduct, making them more competitive on the job market. Matriculating master's students will usually distribute a certificate's required courses (11 credits) over two years of study.

**Prerequisites:** Matriculated students must have a baccalaureate degree before beginning coursework. Students must also pass an audition.

**GPA requirement:** Earn a grade of B (3.0) or higher in each course used toward a certificate.

**Conducting Applied Studies (4 credits)** (To be selected from among the following courses):

MUSICAPP 617C: Choral Conducting (2 credits)

MUSICAPP 617O: Orchestral Conducting (2 credits)

MUSICAPP 617W: Wind Conducting (2 credits)

**Two core seminars in conducting (4 credits)** (To be selected from among the following courses):

MUSIC 697C, 697D, 697E, 697F: Graduate Conducting Seminar--Choral

MUSIC 697J, 697K, 697L, 697M: Graduate Conducting Seminar--Orchestral

MUSIC 697N, 697O, 697P, 697Q: Graduate Conducting Seminar--Wind

**Two ensembles (2 credits - taken concurrently with applied conducting lessons)**

(To be selected from among the following courses):

MUSIC 563: Chamber Choir

MUSIC 565: UMass Amherst Symphony Orchestra

MUSIC 567: Symphony Band

MUSIC 568: Wind Ensemble

MUSIC 593J: Seminar- All-University Orchestra

MUSIC 597C: Conductors' Chorus

Other 500 level music ensembles approved by the main conducting professor

**Capstone Project (1 credit for a half recital, lecture recital, or other creative project)** (To be determined in consultation with the main conducting professor):

MUSIC 692N: (S-Non-Degree Graduate Recital)

MUSIC 696: (Independent Study)