



## MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Melissa Jones, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Re: Request for Executive Action from the Department of Music

### **Action Requested:**

Revise the catalog text for the MA in Music, Music Education program as stated in "Catalog Language Changes" below.

### **Rationale:**

As the Department's Online MA in Music, Music Education program has evolved, it is necessary to revise the program to maintain its viability:

- First, since students are entering the program during the fall, spring, and summer semesters the length of time to degree completion varies from student to student. Therefore, the Department needs to remove statements in the catalog referring to a specific timeline.
- Second, students will register for MUS 5900, "Music Education Capstone Project" at different points during their course of study. Since the class will not necessarily occur at the end of the course of study, the Department needs to change course name from "Music Education Capstone Project" to "Music Education Research Project." (This has been submitted as a separate Executive Action.)
- Third, the Department needs to remove the committee review language regarding the research (capstone) project, as it does not have the faculty resources to offer committee review during summer months for fifteen or more students.

### **Catalog Language Changes:**

#### **Music Education**

The Master of Arts in Music, Music Education Concentration provides a hybrid course of study that will be taught primarily online. Students will spend one week during one summer on the EIU campus immersed in music-making and study. This format allows students who are full-time teachers to obtain a master's degree while working and

from a distance. The program allows for rolling enrollment and can be completed in two academic years and three summers.

Total core credits: 12 semester hours

Students in the music education concentration must complete a capstone research project and committee evaluation. The core courses for this concentration include:

- MUS 5101 - Research Methods for Music Education Credits: 3
- MUS 5175 - Music Theory Pedagogy Credits: 3
- MUS 5880 - Seminar in Music History. Credits: 3
- MUS 5900 - Music Education Capstone Research Project. Credits: 3

**Effective Year/Term:**

Fall 2019, if possible; if not, then ASAP