

MUSIC (M.A.): THEORY (NON-THESIS) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Music (Schulich School of Music)

Degree: Master of Arts

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

****This program is currently not offered.****

The M.A. in Music; Non-Thesis - Theory is a course-based program that focuses on disciplinary knowledge and critical issues. Guidance provided by leading scholars whose internationally acclaimed research covers a broad spectrum of topics central to the theory discipline.

Students admitted to the M.A. in Music; Non-Thesis - Theory who have undergraduate degrees other than the B.Mus.; Major in Theory from McGill University, may be required to successfully complete one or more undergraduate course(s) before completion of the Master's program.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (24 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
MUGS 614	Reading Course 1.	3
MUGS 615	Reading Course 2.	3

Research Project

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Course	Title	Credits
MUGS 635	Research Paper 1.	9
MUGS 636	Research Paper 2.	9

Complementary Courses (21 credits)

12 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUTH 652	Seminar in Music Theory 1.	3
MUTH 653	Seminar in Music Theory 2.	3
MUTH 654	Seminar in Music Theory 3.	3
MUTH 655	Seminar in Music Theory 4.	3
MUTH 656	Seminar in Music Theory 5.	3
MUTH 657	Seminar in Music Theory 6.	3

3-6 credits will be from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUTH 658	History of Music Theory 1.	3
MUTH 659	History of Music Theory 2.	3

3-6 credits of seminars, at the 600 level and higher, approved by the Schulich School of Music.