

PERFORMANCE (M.MUS.): ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS, GUITAR (THESIS) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Music (Schulich School of Music)

Degree: Master of Music

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The M.Mus. Performance; Orchestral Instruments, Guitar program provides instrumentalists and guitarists with the opportunity to hone their artistry and expressive, interpretive skills. The program combines performance with seminars in performance practice in the broader humanistic and scientific contexts of music and artistic research-creation.

Students admitted to the M.Mus. Performance; Orchestral Instruments, Guitar program who have undergraduate degrees other than the B.Mus.; Major Performance (Orchestral Instruments) or B.Mus. Major in Performance (Organ, Harpsichord, Guitar) from McGill University, may be required to successfully complete one or more undergraduate courses before completion of the Master's degree. Students with a B.Mus.; Major in Performance (Orchestral Instruments) or a B.Mus.; Major in Performance; (Organ, Harpsichord, Guitar) degree from McGill University may be required to successfully complete MUPD 560 Music Information and Research Skills. 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 (18 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
MUGS 605	Graduate Performance Colloquium.	0

Thesis Courses

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Course	Title	Credits
MUIN 620	Performance Tutorial 1.	3
MUIN 621	Performance Tutorial 2.	3
MUIN 622	Performance Tutorial 3.	3
MUIN 622D1	Performance Tutorial 3.	1.5
MUIN 622D2	Performance Tutorial 3.	1.5
MUPG 600	Recital Project 1.	9

¹ Students may take MUIN 622 Performance Tutorial 3. or MUIN 622D1 Performance Tutorial 3. and MUIN 622D2 Performance Tutorial 3..

Complementary Courses (27 credits)

9 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUPG 601	Recital Project 2.	9
MUPG 602	Recital Project 3.	6
MUPG 603	Recital Project 4.	3
MUPG 604	Chamber Music Recital.	6
MUPG 606	Interdisciplinary Project 1.	3
MUPG 607	Interdisciplinary Project 2.	6
MUPG 608	Orchestral Repertoire Examination 1.	3
MUPG 609	Orchestral Repertoire Examination 2.	6
MUPG 610	Orchestral Repertoire Examination 3.	9

¹ If chosen, students may take MUPG 606 Interdisciplinary Project 1. or MUPG 607 Interdisciplinary Project 2.

9 credits at the 500 level or higher, to be chosen from the Schulich School of Music's seminar offerings; 3 of the 9 credits must have a MUCO, MUGS, MUGT, MUHL, MUMT, MUPP or MUTH subject code.

Students take 9 credits from either Guitar or Orchestral Instruments courses from the following:

Guitar

3 credits (three terms) of:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 562	Guitar Ensemble.	1

3-6 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 540	Chamber Music Project 1.	0.5
MUEN 541	Chamber Music Project 2.	0.5
MUEN 560	Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 561	2nd Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 568	Multiple Ensemble 1.	1
MUEN 569	Tabla Ensemble.	1
MUPG 571	Free Improvisation 1.	1
MUPG 572D1	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5
MUPG 572D2	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5

¹ May be taken only once.

0-3 credits at the 500 level or higher, to be chosen from the Schulich School of Music's seminar offerings.

OR

Orchestral Instruments

6 credits (three terms) from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 573	Baroque Orchestra.	2
MUEN 590	McGill Wind Orchestra.	2
MUEN 594	Contemporary Music Ensemble.	2
MUEN 597	McGill Symphony Orchestra.	2

And 3 credits from either Strings, Winds and Brass, or Percussion, or Harp:

Strings, Winds and Brass

2 credits (two terms) from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 560	Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 591	Brass Consort.	1

1 credit from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 540	Chamber Music Project 1.	0.5
MUEN 541	Chamber Music Project 2.	0.5
MUEN 560	Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 561	2nd Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 568	Multiple Ensemble 1.	1
MUEN 569	Tabla Ensemble.	1
MUEN 585	Sonata Masterclass.	1
MUEN 591	Brass Consort.	1
MUEN 599	Jazz Studio Orchestra.	1
MUPG 571	Free Improvisation 1.	1
MUPG 572D1	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5
MUPG 572D2	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5

Percussion

1 credit of:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 598	Percussion Ensembles.	1

2 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 540	Chamber Music Project 1.	0.5
MUEN 541	Chamber Music Project 2.	0.5

MUEN 560	Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 561	2nd Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 568	Multiple Ensemble 1.	1
MUEN 569	Tabla Ensemble.	1
MUEN 598	Percussion Ensembles.	1
MUPG 571	Free Improvisation 1.	1
MUPG 572D1	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5
MUPG 572D2	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5

¹ May be taken only once.

Harp

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
MUEN 540	Chamber Music Project 1.	0.5
MUEN 541	Chamber Music Project 2.	0.5
MUEN 560	Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 561	2nd Chamber Music Ensemble.	1
MUEN 568	Multiple Ensemble 1.	1
MUEN 569	Tabla Ensemble.	1
MUPG 571	Free Improvisation 1.	1
MUPG 572D1	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5
MUPG 572D2	Free Improvisation 2.	0.5

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