

THE DMA MAJOR FIELD EXAM IN COMPOSITION

General Instructions

- The Composition Major Field Exam will be offered once per semester: once during the last week of April, and once during the last week of November.
- This exam is open to all DMA students who have completed the first year of their residency, including a satisfactory Preliminary Oral Exam. You are encouraged to take this exam as early as your second year of residency, and you must complete it by the end of the semester before you intend to graduate.
- From a list of works generated by the Composition Faculty, students will select 6 pieces to study for the exam. The faculty will select an additional 6 pieces from the list.

Spring Instructions

- If you plan to take the exam during the spring semester, you must submit your 6 selections to the Academic Program Coordinator by email by March 1.
- You will be notified of the 6 faculty selections by March 15.
- Scores will be available from the Friedheim Library for your use leading up to and during the exam.

Fall Instructions

- If you plan to take the exam during the fall semester, you must submit your 6 selections to the Academic Program Coordinator by email by October 1.
- You will be notified of the 6 faculty selections by October 15.
- Scores will be available from the Friedheim Library for your use leading up to and during the exam.

This format of the DMA Composition Exam was devised in AY 2017-2018 and first administered in Spring 2019.