

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTATION

Master's Programs in Music Technology and Computation (<https://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/graduate-programs/music-technology-computation>)

Master of Science in Music Technology and Computation

Subject Requirements

The Master of Science in Music Technology and Computation requires a minimum of 68 units of subject credit and the completion of a thesis acceptable to the Music and Theater Arts Section.

Core Requirements

Select two of the following subjects: 24

21M.569	Studies in Music Technology
21M.583	Computational Music Theory and Analysis
21M.585	Interactive Music Systems
21M.586	Algorithms and Interactions for Human-AI Music Making
21M.587	Fundamentals of Music Processing

Restricted Electives¹ 36

Select 36 units:

21M.517	MIT Laptop Ensemble
21M.540	Critically Thinking in Music
21M.560	Introduction to Music Technology
21M.561	Electronic Music Composition I
21M.562	Electronic Music Composition II
21M.569	Studies in Music Technology ²
21M.570	Digital Instrument Design
21M.580[[Musical Aesthetics and Media Technology
21M.583	Computational Music Theory and Analysis ²
21M.585	Interactive Music Systems ²
21M.586	Algorithms and Interactions for Human-AI Music Making ²
21M.587	Fundamentals of Music Processing ²
21M.589	Studies in Advanced Music Technology and Music Computation
21T.523	Sound Design
MAS.837	Principles of Electronic Music Interfaces

Colloquium

21M.590 Colloquium in Music Technology³ 2

Research Seminar

21M.595	Music Technology And Computation Research Seminar ³	6
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Thesis

21M.THG	Graduate Thesis	24
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Total Units		92
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¹ With permission of advisor, other subjects in music, computation, engineering, or technology can be used to satisfy up to 24 units of restricted electives.

² Subject can fulfill either the core requirement or the elective requirement, but not both.

³ Subject is taken twice.

Master of Applied Science in Music Technology and Computation

Subject Requirements

The Master of Applied Science in Music Technology and Computation requires a minimum of 92 units of subject credit.

Foundation Subjects

21M.540	Critically Thinking in Music	12
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One of the following, selected by the advisor at the time of admission: 12

21M.541	Harmony and Counterpoint I with Computational Applications
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21M.565	Programming for Music
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A 12-unit Restricted Elective or Advanced Subject

Overviews

Select three of the following subjects in conjunction with the advisor: 12

21M.572	Overview of Music Perception and Cognition
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21M.573	Overview of Acoustics and the Physics of Sound
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21M.574	Overview of Musical Software and Formats
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21M.576	Overview of Mathematics for Music Applications
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21M.577	Overview of the Principles of Signals
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Restricted Elective

Select one of the following subjects: 12

21M.560	Introduction to Music Technology
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21M.561	Electronic Music Composition I
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21M.562	Electronic Music Composition II
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21M.569	Studies in Music Technology
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21M.570	Digital Instrument Design
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21M.580[[Musical Aesthetics and Media Technology
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MAS.837	Principles of Electronic Music Interfaces	
Advanced Subjects		
<i>Select two of the following subjects:</i>		24
21M.583	Computational Music Theory and Analysis	
21M.585	Interactive Music Systems	
21M.587	Fundamentals of Music Processing	
21M.589	Studies in Advanced Music Technology and Music Computation	
Elective		12
Select 12 units from Restricted Electives, Overviews, or Advanced Subjects; 21M.517; or with permission of advisor, any other subjects in music, computation, or technology.		
Colloquium		
21M.590	Colloquium in Music Technology (taken twice)	2
Capstone		
21M.591	Capstone Project in Music Technology	6
Total Units		92

Note:

Some required subjects may be exempted for students on the basis of successful performance on a diagnostic examination. In these cases, the units shall be substituted by an equal number of units from the Elective requirement.