

Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Conducting (Wind Emphasis)

The DMA program in Conducting (Wind Emphasis) is a highly select degree program. One student is granted admission to the program at time. It is intended for the experienced wind conductor who, upon completion of the degree, is seeking employment as a university wind ensemble conductor and/or Director of Bands. The DMA at Ohio State University is a comprehensive degree that includes instruction and performance requirements in wind ensemble/band, orchestral and choral conducting as a matter of course.

Application Requirements

Application must be made to Ohio State University/School of Music ([click here for application information](#)). In addition to the university application requirements, the student must submit a resume, a repertoire list of works conducted, and a separate list of works studied but not conducted. A videotape (VHS) or DVD of a recent rehearsal and a recent performance is required. Submitting a recording of a performance on your major instrument can also strengthen the application.

Auditions

A student's application does not guarantee an on campus audition. If a student is granted an audition, it will consist of conducting the OSU Wind Symphony (repertoire to be determined on an individual basis), and an interview with the Graduate Conducting Faculty.

Length of Program

This degree is a three-year program consisting of two years of course work and performances, and one year to write the final document and additional performances.

Funding

The DMA student will hold a three-year graduate assistantship that consists of a tuition waiver and a stipend.

Responsibilities

Duties include conducting the Collegiate Winds, assisting and teaching undergraduate conducting classes, and assisting the Director of Bands. The DMA student guest conducts the Wind Symphony on a regular basis and occasionally guest conducts the Symphonic Band and University Band. Regular conducting opportunities and teaching experience in the undergraduate conducting curriculum are important strengths of the DMA at Ohio State.