

## **Admission Requirements for Master of Music Degree in Conducting: Orchestral**

1. A baccalaureate degree in music from a NASM-accredited institution with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
2. A completed [application to the WKU Music Department](#)
3. A completed [application to the WKU Graduate School](#)
4. Pre-screen audition materials submitted to the [Director of Orchestral Activities](#) via email before **December 1**:
  - a. A formal letter of intent to audition into the WKU Master of Music Program.
  - b. A current curriculum vitae.
  - c. A link to a 10–15-minute performance on your major instrument featuring 2-3 selections of varying styles.
  - d. A link to a 15 minute, unedited sample of your conducting work in an orchestral rehearsal. Please be sure that the camera shows your face and hands clearly.
  - e. An academic writing sample that demonstrates style and ability of approximately five pages in length, double-spaced. An academic paper from the undergraduate degree is acceptable. Any writing samples found to have been written with AI will be rejected.
5. Based on application materials, selected applicants will be asked to the WKU campus for an on-campus audition in **February** or **March**. Candidates will be assessed on their competency in the areas of:
  - a. Orchestral Conducting
  - b. Applied Instrument Performance
  - c. Written and Aural Music Theory
  - d. Keyboard Skills
  - e. Foreign Language Diction (French, German, and Italian)

*Incomplete applications and pre-screen audition materials will not be considered.*

Questions? Email [music@wku.edu](mailto:music@wku.edu)