

Music Theory and Education - Doctoral study programme, Ph.D.

Length of study: 4 years

Application conditions:

1. degree in music education, musicology,
2. passing the entrance examination,
3. the capacity for scientific work, backed up with proof of research, active presentation at conferences, publications etc.

The entrance examination requirements:

- to present a list of published and unpublished works, active presentations at scientific conferences, etc.,
- to present a list of studied literature,
- to demonstrate an overall survey in the theory of music and music education and its border scientific disciplines,
- to specify an interest in the particular part of theory of music and music education,
- to demonstrate an active knowledge of English language as a scientific and research communicative tool,
- to submit a proposal of the PhD. thesis.

Language competence:

The standard English language requirement is at a level B2 in accordance to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).

Minimum language requirements in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Internet based Test (IbT): 61, Computer based Test (CbT): 173, Paper based Test (PbT): 500 or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall band score of at least 6.0.

The applicants are required to upload these documents to the [application system](#):

- [proof of recognition](#) of their previous education (i.e. foreign certificate as equivalent to a certificate of education issued in the Czech Republic);
- CV;
- certificate of language competence
- dissertation proposal/project.

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Profile of graduates:

Graduates of the doctoral study programme should be capable of independent creative specialised and scientific work. In order to do this they should be equipped with a wide range of knowledge in the branch of studies along with a familiarity with related scientific disciplines in order to sufficiently reach general conclusions in the area of exploring music theory and music education phenomena. This ability must be apparent in particular in the writing of their doctoral dissertation which should introduce new scientific knowledge of a minimum length of 160 pages. Graduates of the doctoral study programme can find employment primarily as academic figures at music education departments of faculties of education, at music academies and as specialised scientists and researchers in institutes of education of young people and physical education and culture or possibly as top-level music teachers at schools on all levels.

Aims of the study:

The preparation of scientific research workers for research and specialized activity in the individual music-educational disciplines who then will be able to realize especially as the research pedagogic personalities at the music-educational departments of Pedagogical faculties, then as research workers at the institutes of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Culture and possibly as excellent music pedagogues at the schools of all kinds.

Individual study plan:

The content of doctoral study is determined by an individual study plan, which must be, after submission by the supervisor, approved by the institutional committee. The individual study plan is obligatory for all persons and organizations who participate in the doctoral study. (Any changes must go through the same process as the approval.) The education is provided in the form of courses, lectures, seminars and individual consultations. The individual study plan contains: the title of the dissertation thesis, the list of obligatory disciplines and restricted elective disciplines in which students have to pass the examinations (usually during the 1st and 2nd year of study) and terms of their examinations, the term of planned state doctoral examination, the term of Ph.D. thesis defence, lists of publications, active presentations at conferences, reviews and other academic activities concerning education.

Evaluation of courses in the doctoral study – end of year's report:

At the end of every academic year, the Ph.D. student has to make an end of year's report about his/her previous activities. This report is decisive for continuing the studies and for any

possible alterations to the individual study plan. The report must be recommended by the supervisor, discussed and approved by the institutional committee and passed to an appropriate vice-dean. A copy of the report is kept with the supervisor. 2. In the case of a positive end of year's report evaluation by the institutional committee, the student will be allowed to advance next year of the doctoral study. 3. The institutional committee can suggest a change of supervisor on the basis of the end of year's report or at the student's request. The change must be approved by the dean. 4. The institutional committee can make a proposal to the dean to prematurely terminate the doctoral study on the basis of the end of year's report.