Carnegie Mellon University Updated Fall 2025

School of Music

Degree Path: Minor in Conducting

Admission to all minors is handled by the office of the Senior Academic Advisor.

1) Only undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Music can apply for the Conducting Minor, starting in their sophomore year. Please note space is limited.

2) Applicants should have a minimum 3.0 Q.P.A. and maintain good academic standing for their major program through graduation.

3) An interview with the conducting faculty is part of the application process in addition to the prerequisite coursework below.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK & REQUIREMENTS (39 UNITS)										
	#	Title	Units	Notes						
1	57152	Harmony I	9							
2	57153	Harmony II	9							
3	57161	Eurhythmics I	3							
4	57162	Eurhythmics II	3							
5	57189	Introduction to Repertoire and Listening for Musicians	3							
6	57191	Keyboard Studies I	3							
7	57181	Solfege I or	3	Minimum grade of "B" required and instructor recommendation						
	57185	Advanced Solfege I*		Minimum grade of "B" required						
8	57332	Introduction to Conducting	6	Minimum grade of "B" required and instructor recommendation						

CURRICULUM — MINIMUM OF 54 UNITS											
REQUIRED COURSES (33 UNITS)				ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS (21 UNITS)							
	#	Title	Units		#	Title	Units				
1	57257	Orchestration I	6	1	57220	English Diction	3				
2	57336	Instrumental/Choral Conducting	6	2	57221	Italian Diction	3				
3	57364	Conducting Practicum	3	3	57222	French Diction	3				
4	57459	Score Reading for Composition Majors and Conducting Minors	6	4	57223	German Diction	3				
5	57618	Independent Study in Conducting (57364 co-req)	6	5	57227	Jazz Ensemble	3				
6-7 Recommendation into two of the following courses:				6	57230	Baroque Ensemble	3				
	57360	Brass Methods	3	7	57258	20th-21st Century Techniques	6				
	57361	Percussion Methods	3	8	57337	Sound Recording	6				
	57362	Woodwind Methods	3	9	57338	Sound Editing and Mastering	6				
	57363	String Methods	3	10	57367	Opera History and Literature	9				
	57557	Vocal Methods	3	11	57420	Jazz Vocal Ensemble	3				
				12	57423	Repertoire Orchestra	3				
				13	57670	Chamber Music: Brass	3				
				14	57671	Chamber Music: String Quartet	3				
				15	57672	Chamber Music: Woodwind and Mixed	3				
				16	57675	Chamber Ensemble	3				