

ARTIST DIPLOMA: STRING QUARTET PERFORMANCE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The professional certificate in string quartet performance is designed to provide intensive performance experiences and coaching for those that have the potential for a career in string quartet performance. An earned baccalaureate degree in performance is the minimum requirement for admission into this program.

Students are provided both coaching and individualized instruction, with extensive opportunities for performance, as well as elective studies in entrepreneurship, in preparation for a performance career.

Applications are open to:

1. Pre-formed string quartets.
2. Individuals who would like to be considered for placement in a new graduate string quartet formed by the Takács Quartet. The Takács Graduate Quartet Residency is a two-year position with only one ensemble in residence at a time.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Admissions requirements for this program include completing all required university graduate admission requirements, submitting a CU Boulder application, three letters of recommendation, a pre-screening recorded audition, performing a live audition and being interviewed by faculty.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Requirements in Major Area		
PMUS 6696 or PMUS 6706 or PMUS 6716	Viola (two semesters for one year) ¹ Violin Violoncello	4
TMUS 6956	Master's Thesis (chamber music recital) ²	2
TMUS 6957	Master's Thesis 2 (chamber music recital) ²	2
TMUS 6958	Master's Thesis 3 (chamber music recital)	2
TMUS 6959	Master's Thesis 4 (chamber music recital or solo recital)	2
EMUS 5327	Symphony Orchestra (two semesters) ³	2
Other Requirements in Music		
Electives⁴		6-7
Additional credits in the College of Music at the 4000- or 5000-level. Coursework, in entrepreneurship, wellness, literature, pedagogy, musicology, ethnomusicology, or theory. ⁵		
Total Credit Hours		20-21

¹ Applied string instruction. Registration for applied study is for two credit hours per semester, entitling each member of the quartet to one hour of private lessons per week.

- ² This four-recital requirement entitles the quartet to one hour of coaching per week. The string faculty will decide if one of these recitals should be a solo recital.
- ³ Two fall semesters as principals in the Chamber Orchestra (1 credit each).
- ⁴ A maximum of two credits at the 4000-level may be taken in fulfillment of the certificate requirements.
- ⁵ Students who wish to take academic classes at the 5000-level or above will be required to pass the appropriate preliminary examinations.