MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSIC EDUCATION
University of South Florida

The MA in Music Education Degree Program at USF is an innovative curriculum unlike anything in the field. The program focuses on learner centered and informal pedagogical techniques as applied in music, as well as techniques of research. This degree is intended for k-12 music teachers who are interested in broadening the pedagogical possibilities in their classrooms as well as those teachers who would like to develop their action research skills to better assess their work.

All required coursework is offered via distance learning with the exception of a one week, intensive summer experience on the USF Tampa campus. The first course in the required sequence, Informal Learning in Music Education I, is an alternative calendar class which begins with online study in June and ends with a one week on-campus experience in July.

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE DEGREE ARE:
• establishing a global context focused on learner centered pedagogy
• a research focus where students will first learn about the research process and conduct action research in their classrooms and make a formal presentation of their results
• creating a peer mentoring process within the program
• including both an intensive on-campus summer experience in addition to independent and collaborative research work online

DEGREE CURRICULUM (30 hours)
 Informal Learning in Music Education I - 6 credit hours
 Research Design and Methods in Music Education - 3 credit hours
 Literature Review in Music Education - 3 credit hours
 Research Data Collection in Music Education - 3 credit hours
 Research Report Writing in Music Education - 3 credit hours
 Informal Learning in Music Education II - 3 credit hours
 History of Blues and Rock - 3 credit hours
 Electives - 6 credit hours - any graduate level music courses or course related to the student's research interests.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
At least two years of K-12 music teaching experience, or the equivalent, are required for admission. A résumé, a personal goal statement and a minimum of two current letters of recommendation from people qualified to speak on behalf of the applicant's academic and professional capabilities must accompany the application. An official transcript for a completed undergraduate degree in music (from an accredited program) is required with the application. The overall Grade Point Average (GPA) for upper division credit hours (all credits beyond the first 60) must be at least 3.0, and the GPA for all music, music education, and education courses included in the undergraduate degree must be at least 3.0. Final approval for admission must be granted by the music education faculty.

THE FIRST COHORT OF STUDENTS IS CURRENTLY BEING ADMITTED FOR JUNE 2016