

## **Southern Oregon University Department of Music**

### **American Band College (ABC)**

The structure of this school area master's degree program (MA or MS in arts and letters) follows the guidelines set by the dean of the School of Arts and Letters and the Music Department chair. Candidates must be admitted to graduate studies at SOU.

For general information about the graduate program, please consult the Graduate Programs section of the SOU catalog.

### **Major Department (Music)**

Select 36 credits in graduate-level music courses:

**Band Director Pedagogy** (three summers of 6 credits each; written examinations required) 18

**Practical Applications** (three summers of 3 credits each; oral examinations required) 9

**Research** (Mus 515, 516, 517) 9

**Related non-music, graduate-level coursework** 9

**Total credits** 45

### **Admission**

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to a graduate degree program, students must take an examination prior to admission. Results of the entrance examination will determine any necessary remedial work and serve as the basis for practical application credits.

### **Classes**

All courses offered under the American Band College summer program are required for three summers. These include four daily lectures and two daily performances in the ABC Director's Band. Completion of written examinations is required. Only ABC summer class credits taken under examination may be included in the 18-credit block listed above.

### **Exit Examination**

In addition to the written examination, candidates must complete a demonstration final on July 5 of the summer during which all coursework is completed. The purpose of the examination is to demonstrate the candidate's ability to successfully perform start-up lessons with a beginner on clarinet, horn, and snare drum and to diagnose specific controlled problems encountered in a rehearsal band (comprises all other ABC master's degree candidates).