

# Diploma in Classical Instrument or Voice

The requirements for the ECMS Diploma include a balance of theory and history, continuous applied lesson enrollment, with 1 year of an ensemble. The Diploma can be completed in two years but students may elect to complete this diploma over a longer period of time.

**It is not possible to complete this course of study in less than 2 years.**

<b>Applied Lessons:</b> 2 years	Continuous enrollment* including jury each year^
<b>Solo recital performance:</b> 2 years	One each year of applied study
<b>Theory Requirements:</b> 2 years	Music Theory I
	Music Theory II: AP Aural Skills
<b>Music History Requirement:</b> 1 year	History of Western Music
<b>Ensemble Requirement:</b> 1 year	Any ECMS Ensemble **
<b>Piano Proficiency</b> (for non-keyboard players)	Piano Exam*** or Diploma Piano Class (non-keyboard majors)

## Suggested Distribution of Requirements

Grade	Every Year	This Year	Any Year
9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Private lessons* Recital Exam or jury^ Ensemble**	Music Theory I	History of Western Music
10 <sup>th</sup> grade		Music Theory II	Diploma Piano Class (for non-keyboard players)***
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\*The number of years of private lessons stated is the minimum number for each diploma to be completed at ECMS. Continuous enrollment is expected; a jury and recital performance is also required each year of private study.

\*\*Ensemble participation, beyond the required number of years, is highly encouraged while the student is pursuing an ECMS diploma.

\*\*\*If the student wishes to test out of piano class, they must do so by the end of their junior year. See #5 of General Requirements for more information.

<http://www.esm.rochester.edu/community/diplomas/general.php>

^If the jury grade is under 5 at the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the student receives the Diploma in Music Studies. If the jury grade is 5 or above at the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the student receives the Diploma in that instrument or in voice. If the jury grade is 6 at the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, the student may choose to play an Honor's Jury during 12<sup>th</sup> grade and if the student passes the Honor's Jury and then plays an Honors Recital solo recital (30-min program), he/she will receive the Diploma in that instrument or in voice with Honors.