

Make your dedication count
and take charge of your future!



DIPLOMA PROGRAMS



**EASTMAN
COMMUNITY
MUSIC SCHOOL**

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Challenge yourself!



Become a better musician!



Be recognized by a world-class institution!

Studio concerts, composition showcases, and my senior recital helped me become the musician I am today. I felt more confident entering college and tested out of freshman theory.

— David Steinhardt, Diploma with Honors in Guitar, 2015

Why enroll in a Diploma program?

To...

- Challenge yourself
- Become a better musician
- Deepen your understanding of music
- Strengthen your college applications
- Prepare for a career in music
- Receive recognition from one of the best music schools in the world

What is the significance of an ECMS Diploma?

A diploma entails more than mastering your instrument. It is a highly structured program that integrates aspects of academic and performance studies, with the goal of becoming a well-rounded, complete musician.

What are the requirements for three levels of ECMS Diploma Program?

	DIPLOMA	ADVANCED DIPLOMA	PRE-COLLEGIATE DIPLOMA
Individual Lessons	2 years	3 years	4 years
Examinations and Juries	annually	annually	annually
Performances	one per semester	one per semester	one per semester
Music Theory	2 classes	3 classes	4 classes
Music History	1 class	1 class	1 class
Keyboard Proficiency	required	required	required
Ensemble Participation	1 year	2 years	3 years

Additional acknowledgment of performance and scholarly achievement

INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC DIPLOMA



Awarded to students who excel in their performance skills. Requires completion of Diploma requirements and a curricular level 5 in a jury.

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED ACHIEVEMENT



in Performance or Theory
Awarded to students who achieve highest curricular level in their field. Requires curricular level 6 in a jury without enrollment or completion of the Diploma requirements.

DIPLOMA WITH HONORS



This is the highest performance and academic distinction that ECMS awards. In addition to completion of all Diploma requirements and attaining curricular level 6, students need to be recommended and pass a competitive, interdepartmental jury.

The diploma program at ECMS may seem daunting, but the work is so rewarding, and the classes become something to look forward to each week.

— Isabella Lau, Diploma with Honors in Trombone, 2018

ECMS Diploma Program

The Eastman Community Music School's Diploma Program represents a comprehensive musical education, encompassing a well-balanced blend of individual and ensemble instruction, performance, and academic coursework. The program allows for individualized flexibility while maintaining a rigorous standard of excellence.

For guidance in choosing coursework

Studio teachers serve as primary advisors. Students may also seek counsel from the ECMS Department Chairperson, as well as the ECMS Associate Dean and Director.

To schedule an advising session contact: community@esm.rochester.edu

Students need to fulfill requirements in following areas:

- Individual lessons
- Exams, juries and performances
- Academic coursework
- Ensembles

How to apply

Students in grades 7 and up and adult.

ENROLL TODAY!

Online: esm.rochester.edu/community/diplomas

Phone: (585) 274-1400

While I learned so much about music, what was more important was the quality of relationships that I developed with top-tier teachers and many of the finest musicians my age. I gained collaborative skills that will help me succeed in areas outside of music ... music is all about community and I believe that ECMS embodies this perfectly!

— Joe Himmelberg, Diploma with Honors in Saxophone, 2019



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