

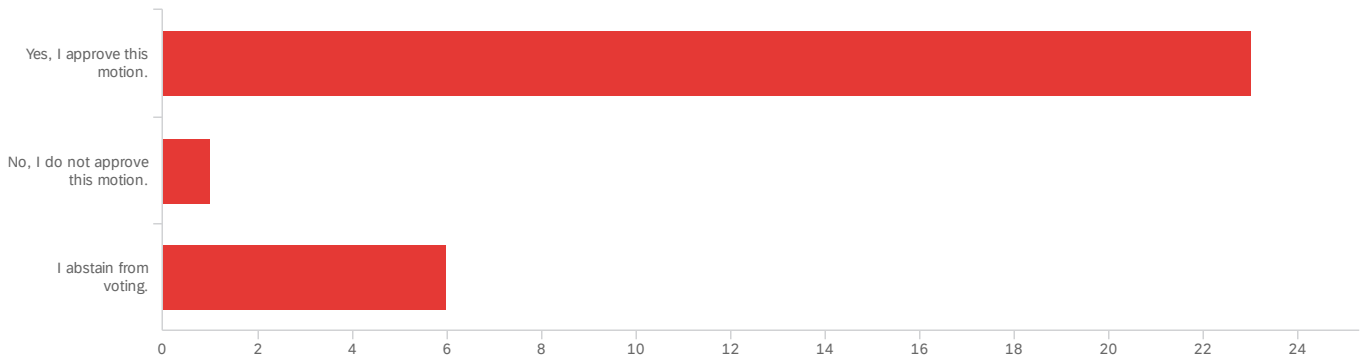
# Default Report

Motion from the SOMD Graduate Committee | 11/9/22

November 9, 2022 1:46 PM PST

## Q2 - Motion: The graduate committee proposes a revision to the MA Language

Requirement for the MA Music Theory and the MA Musicology degree programs. See below for details and rationale.



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Motion: The graduate committee proposes a revision to the MA Language Requirement for the MA Music Theory and the MA Musicology degree programs. See below for details and rationale.	1.00	3.00	1.43	0.80	0.65	30

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes, I approve this motion.	76.67% 23
2	No, I do not approve this motion.	3.33% 1
3	I abstain from voting.	20.00% 6
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**End of Report**

**Subject:** Notice of Motion: ballots due 11/9  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:18:34 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** SOMD Deans Office  
**To:** SOMD Faculty List  
**Priority:** High  
**Attachments:** Notice of Motion MA Language[1].pdf

Dear faculty,

Notice of Motion: please see attached for a motion from the graduate committee that proposes a revision to the MA Language Requirement for the MA Music Theory and the MA Musicology degree programs.

[Submit your online ballot](#) by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Results from the voting will be announced at the SOMD meeting.

Thank you,  
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## **Notice of Motion from the Graduate Committee:**

**The following replaces the MA Language Requirement for the MA Music Theory and the MA Musicology degree programs.**

### **Rationale:**

**In 2021-22, the Graduate Council approved a change to the MA language policy, effective Fall 2023. The existing policy is:**

**The master of arts (MA) degree requires second year level of proficiency in a language other than English, as required for the bachelor of arts (BA) degree. Competency may be demonstrated by either a standardized test or with adequate undergraduate course work.**

**Language competence must be demonstrated within the overall seven-year limit for completion of a master's degree. The student's major department may establish a higher level of proficiency.**

**There is no language requirement for the master of science (MS) and professional master's degrees unless the department so specifies.**

**The approved new policy is:**

**There is no university-wide language requirement for master's degrees. Departments and programs have the option of requiring or not requiring one or more languages other than English (LOTE). If one or more languages are required, the degree-granting unit is responsible for monitoring and enforcing that requirement.**

**Under the new policy, each program must decide if they wish to:**

- a) Keep their language requirement the same**
- b) Change their language requirement**
- c) Eliminate their language requirement**

### **RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (4 credits or 1 course)**

The course completed for this requirement is intended to prepare the student for the research and writing/creation of the thesis, and must be chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor. If the student does not yet have a faculty advisor, the student will consult with the area faculty and area chair. An appropriate course should be decided upon no later than the end of the student's third term of study. To gain access to relevant literature and to benefit from diverse worldviews, students are strongly encouraged to study any second language relevant to their studies; however, in certain circumstances—and with the support of the faculty advisor and/or area faculty—a student may prioritize development of research skills in other areas of study. Students who have completed coursework comparable to one or more of the below classes, or are already proficient in language studies necessary for their path of study, must consult with their faculty advisor or area faculty and choose another course that will aid them in their research and/or writing development. Suggested choices include but are not limited to:

- Language courses, including courses in Reading Knowledge, Translation, and courses offered through the UO Yamada Language Center. Language must be selected in consultation with the student's faculty advisor or the area faculty (see above). When UO coursework in the needed language is not available, students may substitute non-traditional language learning opportunities approved by the faculty advisor or area faculty, and the SOMD graduate committee (e.g., online language learning, tutorials with a native speaker, other opportunities provided by the UO Yamada Language Center).
- ENG 335 Inventing Arguments
- WR 423 Advanced Composition
- COLT 613 Graduate Studies in Translation
- EDLD 625 Survey and Questionnaire Design
- EDLD 659 Scholarly Writing
- Other courses, e.g., in Writing, Education, Computer Science, History, Philosophy, or other relevant area approved by the advisor