

The Artist Diploma program at Lamont is a highly selective, intensive and focused program of professional studies designed to provide advanced training in the art of musical performance and interpretation, with a minimum of academic requirements, to highly accomplished instrumentalists, vocalists and conductors determined to pursue a solo career. The program can be completed in one or two years, but candidates have the option of extending their studies to accommodate their needs beyond that time frame, provided they meet the required enrollment policies.

Admission Requirements

By December 15, 2011, in addition to the general DU and Lamont graduate application requirements (which include the TOEFL for international students), applicants must...

Preliminary Round:

- 1) provide a résumé detailing previous conducting experiences
- 2) submit 1-3 letters of recommendation from those who have seen the applicant conduct
- 3) submit online links of the applicant's conducting (no specific requirements)
- 4) provide a written statement of the candidate's availability and preferences regarding the two final round audition dates listed below

Important Note: Only candidates whose applications are 100% complete by December 15, 2011 will be considered for the final round

Final Round:

- 1) *if accepted into the final round*, take a conducting audition with the Lamont Symphony Orchestra EITHER on January 30, 2012 conducting Beethoven Symphony No. 5 (complete) OR on February 27, 2012 conducting Mahler Symphony No. 1 (1st & 2nd movements)
- 2) interview with Lawrence Golan (on the day of the audition)
- 3) take a test to determine the candidate's knowledge of the orchestra (on the day of the audition)

In preparation for the test, candidates should become intimately familiar with Norman Del Mar's book "The Anatomy of the Orchestra". Hint: Del Mar's writing style is such that he likes to state a basic principle, and then spend pages discussing the rare exceptions to that principle. The test will include questions about the basic principles, not the rare exceptions.

Official admission to the program is based exclusively on the results of the personal audition and interview except for international students and non-English speakers, regardless of citizenship who must score 550 or better on the TOEFL or 6.0 on the IELTS. Applicants must also submit transcripts from high school or college, whichever is the higher degree earned.

Admission Checklist

Please submit the following to the University of Denver Office of Graduate Studies:

- 1 ___ Apply to the University of Denver. If you currently have an undergraduate degree you can apply online at: <http://du.edu/apply/graduates>. Select 'Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.' For the major or degree, simply select 'CERT-Graduate Certificate' then 'Artist Diploma in Conducting'.
- 2 ___ Application Fee: A \$60 non-refundable application fee is required.
- 3 ___ Submit one (1) transcript from the institution of your highest degree earned. A high school diploma is required; however, an undergraduate degree is not necessary.

Please mail all transcripts to: University of Denver - Office of Graduate Studies

Mary Reed, Room 5
2199 S. University Blvd
Denver, CO 80208-4802
Phone: 303.871.2856
Fax: 303.871.4942

Please submit the following to the Lamont School of Music, Office of Admission:

- 4 ___ Complete the Lamont Artist Diploma Application. Please complete the Lamont Application enclosed (or available online at: <http://du.edu/lamont/> under 'Apply Now; Artist Diploma'). Please include with this application, any supporting documentation that you would like faculty to see when reviewing your pre-screen audition.
- 5 ___ **Submit Pre-Screening Audition DVD or online links of applicant's conducting (no specific requirements) to be reviewed by the Lamont committee prior to be invited to audition live. In addition please include a written statement with candidate's availability for January 30th 2012 or February 27th 2012 audition dates. (Submitted prior to December 15th 2011)**
- 6 ___ If applicant successfully passes the pre-screen they will be invited to Lamont for a live audition, interview and exam.

Additional Items for International Students

7. ___ Non-native English speakers, regardless of citizenship, must submit **TOEFL** or **IELTS** scores. The language score minimums for Lamont are 6 for the IELTS or 550/80 (PBT/iBT) for the TOEFL.
8. ___ All accepted international applicants who will be studying in F-1 status must follow the F-1 immigration regulations. This includes being enrolled full-time for each academic year of studies, regardless of program.
9. ___ If you intend to study in F-1 status, a Certificate of Eligibility, Form I-20, will be issued after you have been admitted to the University of Denver and we have received the following documentation from you:
 - Supplement for International Applicants: http://www.du.edu/apply/media/documents/Supplement_Form.pdf
 - Photocopy of biographical page from your passport and your dependents' passports (if you will bring dependents)
 - Financial Verification Form and supporting financial documentation (i.e. original bank statements)
http://www.du.edu/apply/media/documents/Financial_Verification_Form.pdf
 - Transfer Eligibility Form (only F-1 students now studying in the US):
http://www.du.edu/apply/media/documents/TRANSFER_ELIGIBILITY_FORMsevis.pdf
 - Please visit <http://www.du.edu/apply/admission/apply/international/sevis.html> for details about applying to be an F-1 student at the University of Denver.

You may submit this documentation when submitting your application or after an admission decision is made. Please note that if you decide to wait until a decision is made, it will take longer to prepare the I-20, and you risk not obtaining a visa in time to start the program.

Artist Diploma in Orchestral Conducting (2 Year Program)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. A completed degree in music or its equivalent from a recognized school of music
2. Submit a resume, 1-3 letters of recommendation and a DVD or online link of conducting ability

Courses	Credit Hours	Completed	To Be Completed
Seminar in Musical Interpretation (MUAC 4__ _)	9	_____	_____
Applied Lessons (MUPR 4610)	12*	_____	_____
Extra-Musical Roles of The Music Director (MUAC 3060)	6**	_____	_____
Electives	Optional***		
Total Minimum Credit Hours Required	27	_____	_____

Other Requirements:

1. Candidates will be enrolled in the Artist Diploma Program for two years.
2. Candidates will make 4 concert appearances with the Lamont Symphony Orchestra which will be evaluated.
3. Candidates will successfully perform one full-length conducting recital while enrolled in the Program.
4. Candidates must attend the three (3) scheduled all-school convocations during each quarter of study.

* Candidates will enroll for 2 credit-hours per quarter for each quarter of study.

** Candidates will enroll for 1 credit-hour per quarter for each quarter of study.

*** Candidates may enroll in music or academic electives of their choosing with previous approval from Artist Diploma Program Director.

Costs and Financial Aid

A Lamont Education is an investment in your future. One of the reasons students prefer to attend a private institution, particularly in music, is the individual attention they receive from faculty and staff. At Lamont, that personal interest is a hallmark. If you are looking for an individualized education and have the musical ability, drive, curiosity and discipline to succeed, Lamont is the perfect place to hone your musical talents, skills and abilities. We realize that a high caliber private education is expensive, so we have developed financial aid programs to help you make this investment in your career.

Scholarships

Endowed Scholarship can range from \$1,000 to full tuition and is typically specific for each individual student's area of study.

Graduate Dean's Scholarship is awarded to exceptionally talented graduate students. These awards constitute tuition waivers and are not restricted to instrument, vocal or academic area. Recipients of the award can be given up to full tuition remission.

Artist Diploma students for the 2011-2012 academic year are billed at a rate of \$513 per credit hour. All fees and indirect costs will be the responsibility of the student. The breakdown is below

Direct Costs

First Year Tuition: \$7,695 (2nd Year Tuition is \$6,156)

Fees: \$285

Indirect Costs

Living Expenses: \$3,836

All students applying for financial aid must complete the **Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA)**. This application must be submitted as soon as possible after January 1st, and before February 15th of each year of student attendance to assure priority consideration for financial aid awards. You can fill out the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For the different types of federal financial aid available and additional information about federal and state aid, please visit the DU Financial Aid website at www.du.edu/finaid or contact them at 303.871.4020.

International students applying for an F-1 student visa must fill out the [Financial Verification Form](http://www.du.edu/apply/media/documents/Financial_Verification_Form.pdf) (http://www.du.edu/apply/media/documents/Financial_Verification_Form.pdf) and send original bank documents. Students requesting an I-20 to apply for an F-1 student visa must show that enough money is available to pay for **at least the first year** of their degree program as well as the estimated living expenses for any dependents. It is assumed that this amount will be available for each additional year of study.

The following chart lists the minimum expenses for international Artist Diploma students at the University of Denver for the 2011-2012 academic year. These estimates do not include clothing expenses, international travel or local travel. Moreover, the estimates quoted below assume a moderate lifestyle in which students share living quarters and expenses with a roommate. Tuition payments are made on a quarterly basis, usually two to four weeks prior to the beginning of each quarter.

	Per Quarter	Per Year (3 quarters)
Tuition	\$4,617	\$13,851
Mandatory Health & Counseling Fee (annual)	\$144	\$432
Mandatory Technology Fee (annual)	\$48	\$144
Music Fee	\$95	\$285
Annual Tuition and Fees (SUBTOTAL)	\$4,904	\$14,712.00
Living Expenses (estimated)	\$3,836	\$11,509
Total Expenses	\$8,740	\$26,221

Note: It is mandatory that all DU students have health insurance. Students are required to participate in the [DU Student Health Insurance Plan](#) or provide proof of other adequate health insurance coverage. Adequate health insurance means having at least a \$500,000 aggregate lifetime maximum per condition or per insured, prescription, medical and mental health benefits, and co-payments and out of pocket maximums the student can afford. If you do not already have an insurance plan, one may be purchased through DU, estimated to cost approximately \$2,420 for the 2011-2012 academic year. If you plan to bring your family, you will be required to verify additional funds for their living expenses. The estimated expenses for each accompanying dependent are as follows: Spouse: \$3,820 per academic year (9 months) Child: \$3,820 per academic year (9 months) Please prepare your finances accordingly. All rates listed on this page are subject to change

