MUHI 395A/395B: SAGES CAPSTONE FOR MUSIC MAJORS

In MUHI 395A, offered for one credit hour in the fall, you will complete a formal Capstone proposal and preliminary work toward the written document, including an outline and annotated bibliography. Those planning a senior recital as their Capstone project will also prepare program notes.

In MUHI 395B, offered for 2 – 5 credits in the spring, you will finalize the written component of the project and deliver a public presentation.

Double majors and dual degree candidates may opt to take a SAGES Capstone course in a field other than music. All other music BA students (with the exception of those in the Audio Recording concentration), must take MUHI 395A and B.

If you are a junior and plan to graduate early, or if you plan to participate in a study-abroad program in your senior year, you should plan to take MUHI 395A and B in your junior year.

The Capstone is focused on a major project, in most cases either a senior recital with supporting document (generally 15 – 20 pages) or a senior research thesis (20 – 25 pages). Whatever form the Capstone takes, it must include the component of a substantial written document as well as a public presentation.

Students are encouraged to create their own format, with the proviso that all projects require department approval before admission to MUHI 395B can be granted.

Students planning to use a recital as a Capstone component must be enrolled in applied music during both semesters of MUHI 395 (and during the semester in which the recital is given, should it happen to differ).

The Capstone must also have the component of a public forum, arranged according to the nature of the project. The Music Department will offer a Capstone Forum at the end of each semester as needed (during Reading Days) as a venue for research presentations.

The Capstone course is focused on research, writing, and public presentation. It does not cover musical performance, which is why students giving recitals must be registered for applied music as well.

Prerequisite for MUHI 395A: Successful completion of MUHI 201 and 202.
Prerequisite for MUHI 395B: Successful completion of MUHI 395A.