Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Music

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in music is appropriate for students who wish to specialize in music and at the same time receive either a broad liberal arts education or have a concentration in an additional discipline.

Major Requirements

• Music Theory – MUSI 211, 212, 311 & 312
  Plus one of the following:
  o MUSI 416 Orchestration
  o MUSI 512 Analytical Systems
  o MUSI 513 Modal Counterpoint
  o MUSI 613 Tonal Counterpoint

• Aural Skills and Performance Techniques – MUSI 231 & 232

• Music History
  o MUSI 222 Medieval & Renaissance Eras
  o MUSI 321 Baroque & Early Classical
  o MUSI 322 Classical & Romantic Eras
  o MUSI 421 The Modern Era

• MUSI (300 or 400 level) Individual Instrumental or Vocal Study – 4 semesters
• MUSI 335 Rice Chorale or MUSI 337 Undergraduate Orchestra – 4 semesters

Additional University Requirements - partial list*

• FWIS 1XX First-Year Writing-Intensive Seminar – 3 hours**
• Complete one Lifetime Physical Activity Program (PE) – 1 semester
• Distribution Courses 36 hours
  • Group I – Humanities 12 hours
  • Group II – Social Sciences 12 hours
  • Group III – Natural/Physical Sciences 12 hours

*Students are responsible for making certain that their plan of study meets all degree and major requirements. Please visit the Undergraduate Students section of the General Announcements for additional information regarding University and Distribution Requirements, http://ga.rice.edu.

**All students must take the English Composition Examination prior to matriculating. Students who fail the English Composition Exam (or fail to take it) must successfully complete FWIS 100 during their first semester, and prior to enrolling in the FWIS course used to meet the graduation requirement. FWIS 100 cannot be used to meet the FWIS graduation requirement.

To graduate from Rice University’s bachelor degree program, all students must complete at least 120 semester hours (some degree programs require more than 120 hours).

This degree plan was updated August 2015 and is intended for the 2015 – 16 academic year. If reviewed after August 2016, please confirm accuracy with The Shepherd School of Music.