

Bachelor of Music in Composition

The Bachelor of Music degree, four-year program, is intended for students who wish to become professional musicians or continue further study in music at the graduate level.

Major Requirements

- Music Theory – MUSI 211, 212, 311 & 312
 - MUSI 403 *Basic Electronic Music* or MUSI 404 *Electronic Music Composition*
 - MUSI 416 *Orchestration*

Plus one of the following:

 - MUSI 512 *Analytical Systems*
 - MUSI 513 *Modal Counterpoint*
 - MUSI 613 *Tonal Counterpoint*
- Aural Skills and Performance Techniques – MUSI 231, 232, 331, 332 & 431
- Music History
 - MUSI 222 *Medieval & Renaissance Eras*
 - MUSI 321 *Baroque & Early Classical*
 - MUSI 322 *Classical & Romantic Eras*
 - MUSI 421 *The Modern Era*
- MUSI 401 *Composition for Majors* - 8 semesters
- MUSI 303 *Undergraduate Composition Seminar* - 8 semesters
- MUSI 281 *Secondary Piano* or MUSI 381 *Concentration Piano* - 8 semesters
- MUSI 335 *Rice Chorale* or MUSI 337 *Undergraduate Orchestra* – 5 semesters
- MUSI 441 *Senior Recital*
- Piano proficiency exam

Additional University Requirements - partial list*

- FWIS 1XX *First-Year Writing-Intensive Seminar* – 3 hours**
- Complete one Lifetime Physical Activity Program (PE) – 1 semester
- Distribution Credit Courses (9 courses) (NOTE: 3 courses of at least 3 credit hours each are required in each Distribution Group)
 - Group I – Humanities (3 courses)
 - Group II – Social Sciences (3 courses)
 - Group III – Natural Sciences and Engineering (3 courses)

***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).
