Bachelor of Music in Music History

The Bachelor of Music degree, a 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
  
  Plus one of the following:
  
  - MUSI 416 Orchestration
  - 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 335 Rice Chorale or MUSI 337 Undergraduate Orchestra – 5 semesters

- Instrumental or Vocal Study (not including piano proficiency) – 6 semesters

- Foreign Language (German highly recommended) – one year (141 and 142) or equivalency as determined by Rice University placement exam.

- Advanced Musicology courses/seminars – three (3) courses, plus one (1) additional advanced musicology or theory course

- Piano proficiency exam

- MUSI 449 Senior Thesis – 2 semesters (3 hours each)

- Recommended: MUSI 422 Renaissance Music or MUSI 429 Music of the Middle Ages

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.