Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance

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
  - 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, 331, 332 & 431

- 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 473 Voice for Majors - 8 semesters

- MUSI 335 Rice Chorale - 8 semesters

- MUSI 336 Undergraduate Opera Workshop – 4 semesters

- MUSI 571 Vocal Coaching - 2 semesters

- MUSI 573 Italian Diction
- MUSI 574 German Diction
- MUSI 577 English Diction
- MUSI 578 French Diction

- MUSI 575 Vocal Repertoire I
- MUSI 576 Vocal Repertoire II

- MUSI 341 Junior Recital
- 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 Courses  36 hours
  o Group I – Humanities  12 hours
  o Group II – Social Sciences  12 hours
  o 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 May 2016 and is intended for the 2016-2017 academic year. If reviewed after May 2017, please confirm accuracy with The Shepherd School of Music.