The Shepherd School of Music at Rice

Bachelor of Music in Piano 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 316 Experimental Sound and Video
- MUSI 378 Classical, Contemporary and Cross-Cultural Asian Music
- o MUSI 403 Basic Electronic Music
- o MUSI 404 Electronic Music Composition
- o MUSI 405 Music Business and Law
- o MUSI 416 Orchestration

- o MUSI 417 Music for Media
- o MUSI 512 Analytical Systems
- o MUSI 513 Modal Counterpoint
- o MUSI 514 Score Reading
- o MUSI 517 Early Modern Masters
- o MUSI 613 Tonal Counterpoint
- o MUSI 617 Music Since 1950
- 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 Eras
 - o MUSI 322 Classical & Romantic Eras
 - o MUSI 421 The Modern Era
- MUSI 481 Piano for Majors 8 semesters
- MUSI 335 Rice Chorale or MUSI 389 Collaborative Piano Skills or MUSI 585 Sonata Class or MUSI 642 Accompanying – 8 semesters
- MUSI 338 Undergraduate Chamber Music 2 semesters
- 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
- UNIV 194 or LPAP 195, CTIS Workshop (Critical Thinking in Sexuality)
- Distribution Credit Courses (9 courses) (NOTE: 3 courses of at least 3 credit hours each are required in each Group)
 - o 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).

