Bachelor of Music in Music History

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:
  - MUSI 316 Experimental Sound and Video
  - MUSI 378 Classical, Contemporary
    and Cross-Cultural Asian Music
  - MUSI 403 Basic Electronic Music
  - MUSI 404 Electronic Music Composition
  - MUSI 405 Music Business and Law
  - MUSI 416 Orchestration
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- Aural Skills and Performance Techniques – MUSI 231, 232, 331 & 332

- Music History
  - MUSI 222 Medieval and Renaissance Eras
  - MUSI 321 Baroque and Early Classical Eras
  - MUSI 322 Classical and 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 Undergraduate Independent Study – 2 semesters (3 hours each) Senior Thesis

- 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
- 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 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](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 2019 and is intended for the 2019 – 20 academic year.