ARTIST DIPLOMA (AD) IN THE FIELD OF OPERA PERFORMANCE

Program Learning Outcomes for the Artist Diploma

Upon completing the Artist Diploma, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the technical mastery and musical expertise requisite to having a significant professional career in their chosen area of performance.
2. Master intellectually the stylistic differences when performing music of the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, modern and contemporary eras and be able to apply them in performance.
3. Accumulate a significantly expanded and diverse list of repertoire.
4. Be equipped with multiple extra-musical career skills.

Requirements for the Artist Diploma

For general university requirements, see Diploma Programs (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-diploma-programs). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees). Students pursuing the Artist Diploma in any field of music performance must complete:

- A minimum of 41 credit hours to satisfy the Artist Diploma requirements.
- A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level study (coursework at the 500-level or above).
- A minimum of 24 credit hours must be taken at Rice University.
- A minimum residency enrollment of one fall or spring semester of full-time graduate study at Rice University.
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.67.
- A minimum GPA of 2.67 in required coursework.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this degree program. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the program's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department or program's Director of Graduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the department or program's Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degeworks/officialcertifier).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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Footnotes and Additional Information

¹ Students pursuing the Artist Diploma in all fields of music performance must perform two (2) recitals with the exception of students in the field of Opera Performance, who are not required to perform recitals.

Music Career and Skills Enhancement

Select 2 courses from the following:

- LPCR 200  ADVANCED MENTAL TRAINING
- MGMT 621  THE NEW ENTERPRISE
- MGMT 625  CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- MGMT 629  BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- MGMT 676  SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
- MUSI 413  INTRODUCTION TO Dalcroze Eurythmics
- MUSI 500  IMAGINATION AND COMMUNICATION: DEVELOPING MUSICAL SKILLS THROUGH THEATRICAL TECHNIQUES
- MUSI 501  ENHANCED PERFORMANCE: WRITING, SPEAKING, PLAYING
- MUSI 502  CONDUCTING: AN OVERVIEW OF PRACTICAL SKILLS
- MUSI 503  MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE: THE MIND/ BODY CONNECTION
- MUSI 507  TECHNOLOGY FOR MUSICIANS
- MUSI 508  FUNDAMENTALS OF PRIVATE TEACHING
- MUSI 510  PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MUSICIANS
- MUSI 515  MUSIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- MUSI 518  THE ART AND BUSINESS OF STUDIO TEACHING
- MUSI 519  THEMATIC PROGRAMMING: THE ART OF THE RECITAL
- MUSI 532  THE Feldenkrais Method and the Musician's Body
Policies for the Artist Diploma

Shepherd School of Music Graduate Program Handbook

The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the Shepherd School of Music publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2018_19/Shepherd_School_of_Music_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Academic Standards
Curriculum and Degree Requirements

Further information on curricular requirements for all majors and degree programs is available from the Shepherd School of Music.

Grading Policy

A minimum grade of B- (2.67 grade points) is expected of all music students in their major applied area. A grade of C+ (2.33 grade points) or lower is considered unsatisfactory and will be evaluated in the following manner:

A music major who receives a grade of C+ (2.33 grade points) or lower in their major applied area will be placed on music probation. Music probation signifies that the student’s work has been sufficiently unsatisfactory to preclude graduation unless marked improvement is achieved promptly. A student on music probation may be absent from class only for extraordinary reasons and may not represent the school in any public function not directly a part of a degree program.

If a student receives a second semester of C+ (2.33 grade points) or lower in their major applied area, whether for consecutive semesters or not, the student will be discontinued as a music performance major and merit scholarship from the Shepherd School will be discontinued.

Note: For music history and musicology majors a grade of C+ (2.33 grade points) or lower in any music history course is considered unsatisfactory and will be evaluated as above.

Graduate degree requirement: a minimum grade point average of 2.67 is necessary for graduation.

Leaves of Absence and Voluntary Withdrawal

Music majors must obtain permission in writing from the dean of the Shepherd School before requesting a leave of absence from the university. Requests must be in the dean’s office before the first day of classes in the semester for which leave is requested.

Music majors taking voluntary withdrawal from the university are not guaranteed readmission into the Shepherd School and may be asked to reapply/reaudition. Students should explain the reasons for their withdrawal to the dean before leaving campus.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Shepherd School of Music website at: https://music.rice.edu

Opportunities for the Artist Diploma

Other Musical Opportunities

Lectures and Performances

A visiting lecturer series, a professional concert series, and numerous distinguished visiting musicians contribute to the Shepherd School environment. The Houston Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Chorus, Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, Houston Masterworks Chorus, Da Camera, Context, and Chamber Music Houston, as well as the activities of other institutions of higher learning in the area, also provide exceptional opportunities for students to enjoy a wide spectrum of music.

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