Master of Music (MMus) Degree in the Field of Viola Performance

Program Learning Outcomes for the MMus Degree

Upon completing the MMus degree, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate technical and musical competence in performance, composition, or historical scholarship at a professional level.
2. Develop advanced analytical skills in music theory and a deep understanding of how those skills inform music performance.
3. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the relationship between music history and music performance.
4. Develop career development skills that complement their professional-level performance skills.
5. Demonstrate technical and musical competence in performance, composition, or historical scholarship at a professional level.

Requirements for the MMus Degree

The MMUS degrees can be thesis or non-thesis master's degrees depending on the field declared. For general university requirements for thesis master's degrees, please see Thesis Master's Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-thesis-masters-degrees). For general university requirements for non-thesis master's degrees, please see Non-Thesis Master's Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-non-thesis-masters-degrees).

Students pursuing the MMUS degree programs must complete:

- A minimum of 43-54 credit hours depending on field of study to satisfy degree requirements

Students completing the MMUs degree in all fields of study must participate in core music, applied music, and other required music courses as well as in chamber music and large ensembles, plus electives. They are entitled to one hour of private lessons each week of each semester they are enrolled as an MMus degree candidate; private or group lessons beyond this may result in additional fees.

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Degree Requirements

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<td>MUSI 693</td>
<td>VIOLA FOR MAJORS-ADVANCED (minimum of 4 semesters)</td>
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<td>ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (minimum of 4 semesters)</td>
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Academic Coursework

Select 1 course from the Approved Music Theory course offerings (see below for course list) 3
Select 1 additional course from the Music Theory or Music History courses (see below for course list) 3
Select 2 courses from the Music Career and Skills Enhancement course offerings (see below for course list) 4
Select 6 credit hours from the Elective Requirements (see below for course list) 6

Proficiencies

Students must demonstrate the following proficiencies:
- Piano proficiency
- Aural skills proficiency

Total Credit Hours

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Approved Music Theory Courses

Select 1 course from the following:

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<td>MUSIC OF RAVEL: MUSIC THEORY AND COMPOSTION</td>
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Additional Music Theory Courses

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<td>MUSIC FOR MEDIA</td>
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<td>MUSI 514</td>
<td>SCORE READING AND THEORY AT THE KEYBOARD</td>
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<td>ADVANCED ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER MUSIC SYSTEMS</td>
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<td>ADVANCED COMPUTER SOUND SYNTHESIS</td>
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MUSI 611  CLASSROOM PEDAGOGY
MUSI 711  ANALYTICAL APPROACHES
MUSI 712  SEMINAR IN ADVANCED ANALYSIS
MUSI 713  SPECIAL TOPICS IN ADVANCED ANALYSIS
MUSI 723  AESTHETICS OF MUSIC

Music History Courses  3
Select 1 course from the following (or select 1 additional Music Theory Course):
MUSI 422  RENAISSANCE MUSIC
MUSI 429  MUSIC OF THE MIDDLE AGES
MUSI 523  BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS
MUSI 524  AMERICAN MUSIC
MUSI 525  PERFORMANCE PRACTICES SEMINAR
MUSI 526  WOMEN IN MUSIC
MUSI 527  TOPICS IN EARLY MUSIC
MUSI 528  TOPICS IN THE 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES
MUSI 529  TOPICS IN 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES
MUSI 530  MUSIC, MAGIC, AND SCIENCE IN THE MODERN WORLD
MUSI 534  PROGRAM MUSIC IN THE 19TH CENTURY
MUSI 537  SATIE, COCTEAU, & LES SIX: PARIS IN THE 1920s AND BEYOND
MUSI 543  MUSIC AND MODERNISM IN FRANCE
MUSI 551  MUSIC OF RICHARD STRAUSS
MUSI 552  WORDS AND MUSIC
MUSI 621  SELECTED STUDIES IN MUSIC HISTORY
MUSI 622  EARLY OPERA
MUSI 623  J.S. BACH: CAREER, WORKS, AND CRITICAL RECEPTION
MUSI 624  SEMINAR ON A SELECTED COMPOSER
MUSI 625  MOZART OPERAS
MUSI 626  THE CLASSICAL STYLE
MUSI 627  ROMANTIC SONGS AND PIANO PIECES
MUSI 721  MUSIC OF SCHOENBERG
MUSI 722  MUSIC OF STRAVINSKY

Music Career and Skills Enhancement Courses  4
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 EURHYTHMICS
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
MUSI 540  APPLIED JALCRAZE METHOD: DEVELOPING SOLO IMPROVISATIONAL SKILLS IN THE JAZZ IDIOM

Elective Requirements  6
Select 6 credit hours from the following:
Any course at the 300-level or above
Any language course at the 100-level or above
Any additional Music Theory, Music History, or Music Career and Skills Enhancement course
Secondary Lessons (any course between MUSI 251 and MUSI 297 with the exception of MUSI 281)
MUSI 342  RICE JAZZ ENSEMBLE
MUSI 345  APPLIED STUDIES IN JAZZ
MUSI 381  CONCENTRATION PIANO
MUSI 436  COLLEGIUM MUSICUM
MUSI 444  PRACTICUM IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
MUSI 585  SONATA CLASS
MUSI 649  GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY

Footnotes and Additional Information
1 No more than three (3) credit hours of MUSI 649 - Independent Study may fulfill this requirement. Remedial courses (such as MUSI 281, MUSI 432, MUSI 511, MUSI 521, or MUSI 522) and extra hours of required Performance Coursework (such as extra private instrumental or vocal study, ensembles, chamber music, vocal coaching, or repertoire classes) will not fulfill this requirement.
2 Deficiencies in these areas will result in remedial coursework being added to a student’s degree plan.

Policies for the MMus Degree

Admission
For Instrumental Performance, Vocal Performance, and Orchestral Conducting applicants, an audition is required. Composition applicants must submit portfolios, and Musicology applicants must provide samples of their written work. Musicology applicants must also complete advanced music tests as well as the Graduate Record Examination for admission consideration.

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−” is expected of all music students in their major applied area. A grade of “C+” or lower is considered unsatisfactory and will be evaluated in the following manner:

A music major who receives a grade of “C+” 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+” 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+” 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.

**Performance**
Students are expected to perform frequently during their residency at Rice. MMus students in any of the performance fields of study must present at least two full recitals. Composition and Conducting students should present recitals as specified by their degree programs. Students are expected to attend both faculty and student recitals. In addition, all MMus students must participate in the school’s conducted ensembles as assigned.

**Thesis**
A thesis is required for MMus students in the field of Musicology. In lieu of a thesis, MMus students in the field of Composition must produce an original work of extended scope. Both thesis and original work must be publicly defended.

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

**Opportunities for the MMus Degree**

**Other Musical Opportunities**

**Lectures and Performances**
A visiting lecture 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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