DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS (DMA) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF VIOLIN PERFORMANCE

Program Learning Outcomes for the DMA Degree

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

1. Demonstrate technical and musical competence in performance or composition at a professional level.
2. Develop highly developed analytical skills in advanced music theory and a profound understanding of how those skills inform music performance.
3. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the relationship between music history and music performance with greater familiarity of a wide variety of historical and contemporary performance practices.
4. Develop career development skills that complement their professional-level performance skills.
5. Develop working knowledge of and have experience with both classroom teaching and studio teaching methods at the conservatory and university levels.

Requirements for the DMA Degree

For general university requirements, see Graduate Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees). Students pursuing the DMA degree must complete:

- A minimum of 90 credit hours beyond the bachelor’s degree to satisfy degree requirements.

Requirements for the DMA Degree in the field of Violin Performance

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Academic Coursework

Select 4 courses from the Music History course offerings (see below for course list) 12
Select 2 courses from the Music Theory course offerings (see below for course list) 6

Elective Requirements

Select 11 credit hours at the 300-level or above 5 11

Classroom Teaching

Students must complete the Classroom Teaching requirement

Examinations

Students must demonstrate the following proficiencies:
- Piano proficiency
- Aural skills proficiency
- Written and oral qualifying examinations

Doctoral Document

MUSI 750 | DOCTORAL DOCUMENT (minimum of 2 semesters) 7 | 3 |

Total Credit Hours 90

Footnotes and Additional Information

1 At least 6 of the required 8 semesters of MUSI 691 Violin for Majors-Advanced must be taken during residency as a DMA student.
2 Students pursuing the DMA degree on a string instrument must be enrolled in MUSI 635 Advanced Orchestra during four of their six semesters of residency. Within those four semesters are eight rotations which are generally fulfilled by two chamber orchestra rotations each semester. The student in consultation with their major teacher may choose from Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Opera Orchestra or the Modular Ensemble Framework (MEF) for up to four of the eight rotations. They may also elect to enroll in one or two additional semesters or be required to do so by their major teacher. The student in consultation with their major teacher will choose the semesters for participation.
3 Five (5) doctoral recitals performed while in residency as a DMA student as follows:
   - Two (2) Solo recitals
   - One (1) Lecture recital
   - One (1) Chamber Music recital
   - One (1) Concerto with orchestra
4 4 courses (3 credit hours each) comprise the 12 credit hours required of Music History coursework.
2 courses (3 credit hours each) comprise the 6 credit hours required of Music Theory coursework.
5 Graduate academic coursework taken elsewhere may be transferred with the approval of the relevant Department Chair. Additional hours of required performance coursework may not count toward the elective requirement. A maximum of three (3) credit hours of MUSI 649 Graduate Independent Study can count towards degree requirements.
Policies for the DMA Degree

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: https://music.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the DMA Degree
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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