Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) Degree in the Field of Vocal 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 Doctoral Degrees (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/). Students pursuing the DMA degree in all fields of study 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 Vocal Performance

Summary

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Academic Coursework

Select 4 courses from the Music History course offerings (see course list below) 12

Select 2 courses from the Music Theory course offerings (see course list below) 6

Elective Requirements

Select 15-17 credit hours at the 300-level or above 15-17

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

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Footnotes and Additional Information

1 At least 6 of the required 8 semesters of MUSI 673 Voice for Majors-Advanced must be taken during residency as a DMA student.

2 Four (4) doctoral recitals performed while in residency as a DMA student as follows:
   - Two (2) Solo recitals
   - One (1) Lecture recital
   - One (1) Chamber recital

3 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.

4 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.
5 Diagnostic examinations in music history and music theory are
given prior to admission to The Shepherd School, and play an
important role in the admissions decision. Weaknesses in these
areas will be addressed by courses designated by the chairs of
the respective departments. These will count within either the
Academic Coursework or Elective category. Doctoral students must
also pass proficiency exams in aural skills and piano. These exams
are scheduled at the beginning of each academic year. If required,
MUSI 432 Graduate Aural Skills Review and/or MUSI 281 Secondary
Piano must be taken, but neither will count towards the total number
of hours required for the degree.

6 The doctoral document must be publicly defended.

Academic Coursework
Academic Coursework is comprised of a minimum of 4 courses (12 credit
hours) from Music History course offerings and a minimum of 2 courses
(6 credit hours) from Music Theory course offerings.

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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/2021_22/

Admission
A live audition is required for Instrumental Performance and Vocal
Performance applicants. Composition applicants must submit a portfolio
of representative works and interview with faculty. All doctoral applicants
must complete exams in Music History and Music Theory and provide a
recent research or analytic paper.

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) per course is expected
of all music students in their major applied area. A grade of C+ (2.33
grade points) or lower in a course in the student’s major applied area 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 a course 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 a course 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 overall 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/reaudit. Students should explain the reasons for their withdrawal to the dean before leaving campus.

Transfer Credit
For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/#transfer). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Program Transfer Credit Guidelines
Students pursuing the DMA degree should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

• Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director on an individual case-by-case basis.

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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