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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Degree Requirements

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DMA Core Requirements

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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 4 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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Total Credit Hours 90

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.
Music Theory Courses

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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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<td>SATIE, COCTEAU, &amp; LES SIX: PARIS IN THE 1920s AND BEYOND</td>
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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/2020_21/Shepherd_School_of_Music_Graduate_Handbook.pdf](https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2020_21/Shepherd_School_of_Music_Graduate_Handbook.pdf)

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) is expected of all music students in their major 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 is considered unsatisfactory and will be evaluated in the following manner.

If a student receives a second semester of C+ (2.33 grade points) or lower in their major 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/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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