

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## General Requirements for the Bachelor of Music (B.M.) and the Bachelor of Arts in Music (B.A.M.)

- All entering undergraduate students take placement tests in order to determine the level of their skills in a variety of areas. Specifically, students must meet all musicianship, ELI/TOEFL, reading, writing, and mathematics proficiency requirements as determined by the college. Those whose scores on placement tests indicate that they are not prepared to undertake college-level work are required to complete remedial courses in order to bring their skills up to the minimum standards expected. Please see "Placement" in the Admissions and Arts and Sciences sections of this catalog. International students also should review the English language requirements listed under "Admission as an International Student" in the Admissions section of this catalog.
- Students must earn a minimum of 124 undergraduate credits. Of these, a minimum of 62 must be earned within Rider University, exclusive of credits transferred or earned by examination.
- Students must complete all degree requirements within ten years of initial enrollment. Students who have not satisfied requirements by this time may be required to repeat courses and/or to meet further requirements. If more than one year has elapsed since the date of last enrollment, students may be required to re-apply and re-audition for the program and must meet all requirements in place at the time of their readmission.
- Students must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00, except for Music Education majors who must, by state requirement, earn a minimum cumulative average of 3.00. Students dropped from a major because of failure to maintain the minimum grade point average may apply for readmission to the respective department. Readmission will be dependent upon various criteria, including the G.P.A., current academic progress, and the student's general standing.
- Performance majors must earn a minimum grade of "B-" each semester in the primary applied music field in order to make satisfactory progress. If a grade of "C+" or lower is earned, the student must repeat the semester. All other students must earn a minimum grade of "C-" each semester in the primary applied music field. If a grade of "D" or lower is earned, a student must repeat the semester.
- Students must meet attendance and performance requirements in studio performance classes and labs, as set by each applied department and/or major field department.
- Keyboard students must pass a general progress jury at the end of one year of secondary voice study and a proficiency test to complete secondary voice study.
- All students must present a senior primary applied recital after qualifying according to departmental standards. Some major fields also require a junior recital. Students must enroll for primary applied study during the term when any recital is to be presented unless specifically excused from this requirement by the primary applied department.
- Students must participate in and earn credit for one of the required choirs (Chapel Choir, Symphonic Choir) during every semester of enrollment, up to a maximum of eight semesters, except for Music Education majors, who must enroll up to a maximum of seven semesters.
- Commencement: Academic year requirements extend through the annual spring Commencement. All students enrolled in required ensembles (Chapel Choir, Symphonic Choir) are required to participate in Commencement unless excused under extraordinary and unavoidable circumstances, such as serious illness. All other students are encouraged to participate in Commencement. In particular, credit for spring semester choir participation is lost if a student does not attend and is not excused from Commencement. Students participating with the members of the graduating classes are required to purchase or rent appropriate academic regalia, available through the college store.
- In addition to the information given here and on the following pages, students are referred to individual department handbooks for additional information and requirements.