

Associate in Fine Arts Degree -- (Music Education/General Music Track)

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Mission

The Fine Arts Department at Riverland Community College is a comprehensive arts program dedicated to developing the students' intellectual and creative potential in art, music and theatre, through quality instruction and a variety of performance/exhibition opportunities by expecting a high standard in all artistic endeavors.

Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) - Music

The AFA in Music is awarded to students completing 64 credits of music and general education courses. The AFA in Music is designed primarily as a transfer degree, fulfilling the first two years of study of a bachelor's degree in music. This degree allows students to complete the standard four semester sequence of theory/sight singing/ear training, focus on developing performance skills in the major instrument, attain ensemble experience, demonstrate piano proficiency, and to complete three-quarters of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum for general studies.

Why an AFA in Music?

- An AFA in Music communicates the focus is in the student's chosen art form-music
- Students will have a directed course of study that will prepare them for transfer to a four-year college, university, or conservatory, or to enter the field.
- Transfer institutions will have a clearer understanding of the focus and scope of the student's training and education.
- Performance courses and private study ensure the student's involvement in acquiring performance skills and application.

Why Riverland Music?

- AFA available - one of only a few Minnesota colleges to offer the AFA degree
- Excellent opportunities for participation, no matter what your experience level
- Articulation agreements in place to ensure smooth transition to university study
- Access to RCC Casual Classics Concert Series, nationally recognized visiting artists, Austin Symphony Orchestra, Paramount Theatre, and Austin Artist Series performances
- Low student to faculty ratio
- Affordable on-campus housing

Helpful Background:

Students wishing to pursue the AFA in Music should have taken the standard college preparatory courses, especially those in music. The



Degree Type: Associate in Fine Arts (AFA)

Location: All

Program Starts: Fall

Total Credits: 64

Course Plan: Two Year Program

Costs:

Number of Credits: 64

Tuition per credit: \$162.00

Estimated Total Tuition Cost:
\$10,368.00

Additional Costs

Other required costs: contact program advisor

Books: contact program advisor

Articulation Agreements

McNally Smith College of Music St. Paul MN - BA in Music Business BA of Music in Music Performance
Minnesota State University Mankato - BA/BS in Music
Southwest Minnesota State University - Related Baccalaureate degrees

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most successful music students have at least basic note reading and piano skills. Piano study is highly recommended, though not necessarily a requirement for beginning the AFA degree. High school or other choir or band experience is also beneficial.

Transfer and Career opportunities:

Students completing an AFA in Music can look forward to a smooth transfer to a college or university enabling the successful student to then complete a bachelor's degree in two to three years, depending on the student's emphasis and upon the individual program. The successful AFA student who has a completed degree in hand may choose to pursue a career in music at that point. A person who has earned an AFA in Music as a transitional or terminal degree may then be qualified to teach private music lessons, work in music industry, music retail, mass media, recreational therapy, church music/music ministry, or a in host of other arts-related careers.

About the Department:

The Riverland Music Department is an active and vital presence in the college and its communities. The department continues to grow in size and scope, offering a variety of courses, performances opportunities, and concerts. Some students involved in Riverland Music ensembles intend to be music majors, however participation is open to all students. Riverland's ensembles give regular performances throughout the state and region, and have appeared in Alice Tulley Hall (Lincoln Center), and Carnegie Hall.

Related Programs

- Associate in Fine Arts Degree -- Music (Music Business Track)
(Associate in Fine Arts)

Associate in Fine Arts Degree -- (Music Education/General Music Track) Program Curriculum

*If piano proficiency can be demonstrated without these courses, then other MUSC credits may replace these courses.

Required Core Courses (33)

Crs # #	Name
MUSC1101	Music Theory/SS/ET I
MUSC1102	Music Theory/SS/ET II
MUSC1111	Survey of Music
MUSC1145	Piano Class I *
MUSC1146	Piano Class II *
MUSC1150	Private Voice
MUSC2103	Music Theory/SS/ET III
MUSC2104	Music Theory/SS/ET IV
MUSC2150	Private Voice
MUSC2199	AFA Portfolio
	MUSC1121-1128 MUSC Ensemble OR MUSC2121-2128 MUSC Ensemble
	MUSC1150-1179 Primary Instrument or MUSC2150-2179 Primary Instrument
	MUSC1150-1179 Secondary Instrument

MnTC General Education Courses (27 Credits)

Crs # #	Name	Credits
ENGL1101	Freshman English	3
	ENGL1104 Expo Argument OR ENGL1105 Writing Library Sources	3
	A course chosen from the Health and Physical Education Category OR THTR1111 Movement for the Stage (recommended for singers)	1
	A course chosen from the Mathematics & Logical Reasoning Category	3
	A course chosen from the Natural Sciences Category (must be a lab course)	4
	A course chosen from the History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (recommend PSYC1105 General Psychology)	7
	A course chosen from the Humanities & Fine Arts Category (Except MUSC)	3
SPCH1100	Fundamentals of Speech	3

Electives (4 Approved Core Electives)

Crs # #	Name
HUMA1102	Humanities II
HUMA2297	The Culture of London - London Dash

MUSC1113	Popular Music in America	
MUSC1121	Austin Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC1122	Austin Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC1123	College Choir	
MUSC1124	College Choir	
MUSC1125	College Band	
MUSC1126	College Band	
MUSC1127	Vocal Ensemble/Briars	
MUSC1128	Vocal Ensemble/Briars	
MUSC1130	Participation in Music	
MUSC1131	Participation in Music	
MUSC1140	Guitar Class I	
MUSC1171	Instruments-Percussion	
MUSC1173	Instruments-Strings	
MUSC1175	Instruments-Woodwinds	
MUSC1177	Instruments-Brass	
MUSC2121	Austin Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC2122	Austin Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC2123	College Choir	
MUSC2124	College Choir	
MUSC2125	College Band	
MUSC2126	College Band	
MUSC2127	Vocal Ensemble/Briars	
MUSC2128	Vocal Ensemble/Briars	
MUSC2130	Participation in Music	
MUSC2131	Participation in Music	
MUSC2170	Instruments-Percussion	
MUSC2171	Instruments-Percussion	
MUSC2173	Instruments-Strings	
MUSC2175	Instruments-Woodwinds	
MUSC2177	Instruments-Brass	
THTR2700	Musical Theatre	