Five Year Dual Degree Program Requirements

Bachelor of Music in Performance (BM)
Master of Music in Music Education (MusM)

Description
The Five Year Dual Degree Program in Performance & Music Education offers students the opportunity to complete both a bachelor’s degree in performance and a master’s degree in music education in five years. Instead of choosing between performance and music education, students pursue both of their interests. Upon completion of this program, students will be eligible for licensure to teach music in schools from the Massachusetts Department of Education. The curriculum includes all of the coursework and performance opportunities afforded to performance majors along with undergraduate and graduate coursework in music education. Students complete student teaching internships and master’s projects in the 5th year.

Admission Requirements
1. Admission to the BM in Performance is via the standard Boston University undergraduate application process.
2. Admission to the Five Year Dual Degree program is granted in consultation with a Music Education Department adviser after a student is accepted into the BM program.

Application Requirements
1. Completed application for undergraduate admission to Boston University – including the Common Application and the Boston University Supplement
2. A non-refundable application fee
3. High school transcript, SAT or ACT (with Writing Test), two SAT subject tests (recommended), teacher and counselor recommendations, other personal qualifications, and the application essay
4. Instrumental or vocal audition
5. Application to 5-year program submitted to Music Education department upon matriculation

Bachelor of Music in Performance
The student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 132 semester credits distributed among the following categories:

- Writing and Liberal Arts through the College of Arts and Sciences
- Applied Music – private studio instruction with School of Music faculty
- Music Organizations
- Music Theory, Aural Skills, and Keyboard Proficiency
- Musicology

Master of Music in Music Education (Initial Licensure Sequence)
The student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 32 semester credits distributed as follows:

- Music Education Major: 16 credits to include courses in foundations, research, and curriculum
- Musicology and/or Music Theory: 6 credits
- Practicum (student teaching): 8 credits
- Licensure coursework (e.g. methods classes, secondary instruments)
- Curriculum Project: final project developed at the completion of all coursework

This program is approved for Initial Licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Students from other states will need to check with their state education departments regarding requirements for licensure in their state.


Policies and requirements are outlined in the appropriate university bulletins, catalogues, and handbooks.