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KANSAS



KU'S MAIN CAMPUS IN LAWRENCE

►**THE MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM.** KU's music therapy program was the first in the nation to develop classes and research facilities to study the influence of music on behavior. The program is the only one in Kansas approved by the American Music Therapy Association and one of only 24 in the country to offer an AMTA-approved master's program. Its clinic for instruction and research set the standard for other programs.



OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS



KU MEDICAL CENTER IN KANSAS CITY



STUDY ABROAD

►**THE FACULTY.** The members of the music therapy faculty are national and international leaders in music therapy with broad experience in the field. You will develop your musical skills with widely published composers, concert and chamber musicians, soloists and music educators. The music faculty includes artists and theorists recognized for their dedication to music and teaching.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDY



RESEARCH



EXCELLENT FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Breadth of Education

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY
Music Therapy

Is music therapy for me? To find out, ask yourself: Do I have a good music background? Does music give me pleasure? Do I enjoy working with people of all ages and musical abilities and of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds? Do I care about the physical and mental challenges many people face? Am I patient? Do I like diverse musical styles? Am I committed to helping others? Do I believe music at all levels enriches life?

What is the Music Education and Music Therapy Division? KU's Music Education and Music Therapy division in the School of Fine Arts offers programs in music education and music therapy.

If you're interested in using your musical skills in a helping profession, you should earn a degree in music therapy. This program will deepen your musical skills and develop your skills as a clinician who can use a variety of musical

styles to meet the needs and abilities of clients.

How do I become a music therapist? Your four-year program in music therapy, plus a six-month internship, will prepare you for entry-level positions in the profession. Upon graduation, you will be eligible to take the music therapy national board certification examination. Board certification (MT-BC) is required for positions in many state hospital

systems and often is required for other music therapy clinical positions.

What degree is offered? Music therapy undergraduates earn a Bachelor of Music Education–Music Therapy degree (B.M.E.—Music Therapy). The degree requires a broad but structured sampling of courses in the humanities, language arts, and social and natural sciences. It includes substantial course work in music therapy and music.

The division also offers a dual-degree program that enables students to earn a bachelor's degree in both music education and music therapy. Students usually complete the degree requirements for music therapy and then complete

the courses needed for licensure in music education.

How do I get into the School of Fine Arts? If you're a Kansas resident, you must meet the Kansas Board of Regents requirements for admission, including an ACT score of 21, or complete the college preparatory curriculum with a 2.5 GPA or higher, or rank in the top third of your class. If you're an out-of-state student, you must have at least an ACT score of 24 and complete the college preparatory curriculum with grade-point average of 2.5, or rank in the top third of your class. You also audition with the faculty and must qualify for appropriate studio lessons.

What will my first two years be like? You will be enrolled in the Department of Music and Dance in the School of Fine Arts. You will complete many liberal arts and basic music courses during the first two years.

Your music courses will develop your basic performance skills on several instruments, including your major instrument. You will take courses in music therapy, music history, music theory, special education, and psychology and other liberal arts fields.

You will enter the Music Therapy Professional Sequence in your junior year, but courses in your

first two semesters will help you decide if music therapy is the career for you.

What will my program be like? Students in Music Education and Music Therapy who will become certified therapists earn a minimum of 127 credit hours after four years of study. Most students average about 17 credit hours, or 10 courses, a semester. Many courses require a commitment to regular practice hours. Others require regular fieldwork in clinical settings. You will perform a senior recital in your major performance medium.

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In their fifth year, students earn an additional 6 to 12 hours in a six-month, full-time internship in a clinical setting approved by the American Music Therapy Association. This internship may be anywhere in the country, or even overseas.

What kind of job can I get? You will find there's a good demand for music therapists. Your education will prepare you for positions in hospitals, institutions for exceptional children and adults, community mental health facilities, geriatric facilities,



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Your first year's schedule in music therapy may look something like this:

First semester	Hours
MEMT 116 Performance Media: Guitar	1
MEMT 116 Performance Media: Voice	1
MEMT 150 Principles of Music Therapy I	3
MTHC 105 Theory I	4
PIAN 144 Elementary Keyboard Skills I	1
121 Major Instrument Private Lessons	2
Band/Orchestra/Choral Group	1
REC 100 Laboratory in Musical Performance	0.5
ENGL 101 Composition	3
TOTAL	16.5

Second semester	Hours
MEMT 196 Music Therapy Group Leadership Skills	2
MTHC 115 Theory II	4
PIAN 148 Elementary Keyboard Skills II	1
121 Major Instrument Private Lessons	2
Band/Orchestra/Choral Group	1
REC 100 Laboratory in Musical Performance	0.5
PSYC 104 General Psychology	3
ENGL 102 Composition and Literature	3
TOTAL	16.5

pain and rehabilitation clinics, and other health-related settings.

Some music therapists work in private practice with individuals or with small groups. Some have joined with psychologists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, and recreation therapists to form consulting firms or clinics that serve nursing homes, sheltered workshops, hospices, or mental health centers.

How do I get into the professional sequence?

You must apply for admission to the Music Therapy Professional Sequence after you have completed the first semester of your sophomore year. To be admitted, you

must have at least a 2.75 grade-point average in the required courses for your major and must have received satisfactory faculty evaluations.

Completed applications are reviewed only twice a year, in February for the following fall semester and in September for the following spring.

Can I get a scholarship?

You can compete for music performance scholarships and for one of the national scholarships for music therapists. The School of Education also offers some scholarships for students who will be working with people with disabilities.

For information about scholarships based on academic merit, diversity, major, and residence, write or call the University of Kansas, Office of Admissions and Scholarships, KU Visitor Center, 1502 Iowa St., Lawrence, KS 66045-7576, (785) 864-3911, www.admissions.ku.edu.

For information about grants, loans, and other need-based financial aid, write or call KU's Office of Student Financial Aid, Strong Hall, 1450 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 50, Lawrence, KS 66045-7535, (785) 864-4700.

Where can I get more information? For information about the division,

careers, admissions, testing, and advising, contact Alicia Clair, Music Education and Music Therapy, the University of Kansas, Murphy Hall, 1530 Naismith Dr., Room 448, Lawrence, KS 66045-3102, (785) 864-4784, e-mail: aclair@ku.edu, www.ku.edu/~memt.

What if my interests change after I come to KU? You may decide to focus on music education or performance. Some of the courses you take during your first year will apply toward other degrees. The variety of courses you will take at KU will help you choose a major and a career.



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Why should I choose KU's music therapy program?

► **FACILITIES.** As a music therapy major, you will have access to a wide range of equipment and clinical resources. The division has computers and software for music therapy; a well-equipped media center; sound systems, videotape, and observational equipment; a collection of more than 2,000 ethnic, classical, and contemporary recordings; and a variety of published curriculum and clinical materials.

► **KU ENRICHMENT.** Rand McNally's Places Rated Almanac ranks Lawrence first in the arts among cities of 100,000 or fewer, and KU's School of Fine Arts is one of the reasons. Its faculty and students give frequent performances. The Lied Center of Kansas is a 2,020-seat performing arts hall with state-of-the-art production capabilities. Concerts and shows in KU's Lied Center Series bring the finest national and international solo artists and ensembles to campus. Each year influential composers lecture and perform as part of the Symposium of Contemporary Music. A steady stream of guest artists, lectures, special events, and clinics will enrich your music experience.

If you would like information on other majors at KU, contact the University of Kansas, Office of Admissions and Scholarships, KU Visitor Center, 1502 Iowa St., Lawrence, KS 66045-7576. Telephone (785) 864-3911; fax: (785) 864-5017. E-mail: adm@ku.edu Web site: www.admissions.ku.edu The University of Kansas prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, marital status, and parental status.

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