Music Therapy, BMUS

Are you interested in using music as a tool to serve clients across a lifespan to improve lives? The music therapy program at ASU provides training in engagement with music and active music making to develop clinical skills in music therapy.

Program Description

The BMus program in music therapy prepares students for a career in health care, community-based and special education settings. Music therapists use carefully planned music interventions to achieve desired changes in a client's individualized behavior and functioning. Music therapy is a profession in which engagement and receptive or active music-making helps a client achieve individual therapeutic goals. Educating the potential music therapist requires a wide range of musical, verbal and nonverbal skills. Music therapy students have many opportunities to develop their clinical skills. Students also study:

- human anatomy
- musical improvisation
- popular music styles
- psychology
- songwriting
- special education
- world music

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 OR MAT 119
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

**Freshman** | **Transfer** | **International** | **Readmission**

Additional Requirements:

**Important:** Applicants must submit an ASU application for undergraduate admission in addition to a separate School of Music application. Students should visit [https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-steps-to-apply](https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-steps-to-apply) for details. Admission to the School of Music is based on an audition. Live auditions take place on campus in November (spring admission) and in January and February (fall admission) of each year. Applicants may review audition information at [http://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-auditions](http://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-auditions).

Admission to the School of Music is highly selective and based on an audition process. Students are admitted as music audition students and must successfully complete the audition before enrolling in music major courses. Upon admission to both ASU and the School of Music, the applicant's major will be changed to music. In the event a student is admitted to ASU but not to the School of Music or misses the audition deadline, the student will remain as a music audition major and will need to successfully pass the music audition milestone in the first semester in order to gain admission into the program.

**Application Deadlines:** Students should visit [https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-deadlines-fees](https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-deadlines-fees) for complete music deadlines.

**Spring 2020:** The deadline to apply for admission to this program is Oct. 15, 2019.

**Fall 2020:** The deadline to apply for admission to this program is Jan. 5, 2020.

**Transfer Admission Requirements:**

**Transfer Applicants:** Transfer of courses from other accredited institutions is subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college's curriculum, and departmental or school evaluation of studio and class piano courses with respect to performance standards.
Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the institute must complete a minimum of 15 resident credit hours in the major as approved by the faculty.

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**Change of Major Requirements**

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century
Career Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to sit for the music therapy certification examination given by the Certification Board for Music Therapists. Positions are available regionally and nationally in hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes and other health care facilities. Graduates are prepared to work in the fields of community music therapy and wellness, geriatric care, mental health, physical rehabilitation, special education, or within veteran and military populations.

A music therapy career may also provide an opportunity for private practice with flexible hours.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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