

# MM in Music Therapy (two-year track)

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# School of Music, Dance and Theatre program of study check sheet and guide

This degree requires 33 credit hours with a written comprehensive exam. Students have the option to choose either a thesis or an applied project and should consult the area coordinator and the handbook regarding which path is the best for them. Use this degree check sheet and guide to assist with filing your Plan of Study (required by the university) and to track your progress in your degree.

## Clinical Cognate Area (6 credit hours)

This area constitutes an outside minor in a clinical application in music therapy. Students, with committee approval, will select two courses from one area. Cognate areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Counselor Education	Gerontology	Sociology
Educational Psychology	Hearing and Speech Science	Social Work
Exercise Science	Psychology	Wellness through Nursing

Other cognate areas are possible. The departments represented above have been consulted and allow music therapy master's candidates to take their courses.

Prefix	#	Title	Hours Needed	Hours Taken	Semester/Year	Notes
<b>FALL SEMESTER YEAR 1</b>						
MUE	548	Intro to Research in Music Education	3			
MUE	573	Topic: Theory and Philosophy	3			
MHL/ MTC	5**		3			Choose 1 course either MHL/MTC
<b>SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 1</b>						
MUE	574	Special Topics in Music Therapy	3			
MUP	5**	Ensemble	1			
MUE	571	Music Therapy Seminar I: Supervision and Administration	2			
***	5**	Cognate Course	3			must be 500 or above can be a non-music course
<b>FALL SEMESTER YEAR 2</b>						
MUE	574	Special Topics in Music Therapy	3			
MUE	586	Graduate Clinical Project	3			
***	5**	Cognate Course	3			must be 500 or above can be a non-music course
<b>SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 2</b>						
MUE	586	Graduate Clinical Project	3			
MUE	572	Music Therapy Seminar	1			
MUE	5**	Ensemble	2			

## Your Degree Guide, Timeline and Best Practices

### Academic Advising

Dr. Belgrave and Dr. Hernandez Ruiz will serve as your faculty advisors and can assist you with coursework selection. Additionally, the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Office of Academic Affairs will assist you with filing your plan of study.

### MDT Graduate Student Resource Site

Enroll in the [MDT Graduate Student Resources site](#). The site is where you can find your handbooks, academic forms, and other important information related to your studies.

### Student Handbooks

There are student handbooks that you should reference throughout your degree. Your handbooks are meant to help you understand various policies and procedures required for your studies.

- The [Graduate Music Handbook](#) located on the MDT Graduate Student Resources Site.
- The [ASU Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook](#).
- Students with a TA should also review the [TA/RA Policies and Procedures](#) Handbook through the ASU Graduate College

### Degree Requirements and Timeline

All work toward a master's degree must be completed within six consecutive years from the semester of entry.

- Consult with your faculty on whether you should pursue the thesis track or the applied project track.
- Take and pass all of the coursework required for your degree.
- File a Plan of Study (mid-point of your studies, by the third semester of coursework) via the interactive iPOS system located on your My ASU page. You should also have an approved supervisory committee.
- Successfully pass written exam in the early part of your final semester and before your thesis defense (if you chose this track)
- An oral comprehensive exam may be required after your written comprehensive exam. Consult with your committee.
- Successfully complete a thesis (culminating in an oral defense) or an applied project.
- Apply for Graduation in your final semester of study.

### Graduate Coursework

Every course taken for a master's degree must have a graduate course number (500+). You will not receive graduate credit for courses at the 400-level or below. You may take courses at the 400-level or below, but the courses will not count toward your degree. When courses are double listed under both 400-level and 500-level numbers, always take the 500-level section. Courses at the 600- or 700-level are usually for doctoral students and require permission from your faculty advisor and the instructor of the course. You may take 600-level courses, but check first with the instructor or your faculty advisor. The MM degree in Music Therapy is accredited through the National Association for Schools of Music (NASM) and meets the curricular requirements as indicated below.

#### Studies in Major Area (14 credit hours)

MUE 571 Supervision and Administration (2)  
MUE 572 Music Therapy Seminar (3)  
MUE 573 Topic: Theory and Philosophy (3)  
MUE 586 or MUE 599 (6)

#### Other Studies in Music (10 credit hours)

MUE 548 Introduction to Research in Music Ed (3)  
MUE 574 Special Topics in Music Therapy (3)  
MHL or MTC 5XX (3)  
MUP 5XX Ensemble (1)

#### Electives - Cognate (9 credit hours)

Courses chosen in consultation with faculty advisor

**Thesis Defense Timeline - Completed in your final semester (students on the thesis track ONLY)**

<b>Task/Milestone</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Review thesis defense timeline	By the end of the first week of class.
Final review of your Plan of Study	By second month of your final semester. Fix any course issues/committee updates.
Apply for Graduation	Oct. 1 for fall/Feb. 15 for spring/Jun. 15 for summer.
Submit final thesis draft to committee	At least three weeks before your thesis defense.
Pick a thesis defense date	Determine thesis defense date with committee (at least three weeks before defense date).
Chair submits the Defense request form	A minimum of three weeks before the defense date.
Schedule your defense in MyASU and upload document to your Plan of Study for format review	After receiving approval from the Office of Academic Affairs, schedule your defense at least 10 business days before your date.
Submit final format revisions to ASU Graduate College	For current semester deadlines and more detailed information, go to the MDT Graduate Student Resources canvas site for defense information.
Upload document to ETD/ProQuest	