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Music Therapy

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College of Liberal Arts
Degree Type(s)
B.Mus.
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Degree Requirements

This program prepares students for a profession in music therapy, using music to influence behavioral changes in people, from pre-school through geriatrics, in a variety of educational and health-related environments.

Completion of this degree program leads to eligibility for the Board Certification exam. Successful completion of the exam leads to the MT-BC credential (Music Therapist - Board Certified).

The College of Liberal Arts Advantage: More Than a Major

When you study Music Therapy at the University of Minnesota, you gain the added advantage of a College of Liberal Arts education. At CLA, the liberal arts mean you get more than just a degree in one major or another; it means you will be exposed to different areas of study, to different ways of thinking and learning. In fact, the liberal arts teach you how to learn—how to ask the right questions, how to problem solve, and how to innovate. The liberal arts prepare students for the complexities of our world, because here at CLA you will study not just, say, politics or art but also where politics and art intersect, where science and ethics intersect, where economics and the environment intersect.

Meet Our Students

Student Experiences
Internships: Gain Valuable Experience in the Twin Cities and Beyond

Did you know? CLA Career Services has its very own internship reflection course! Students taking an internship can use this course to reflect on ways that their work experience is preparing them for successful careers - and receive credit for the work.

Learning Abroad: Prepare to Lead in a Global Economy

Learn more about study abroad for Music Therapy majors.

Undergraduate Research: Turn Curiosity into New Knowledge

The School of Music offers facilities and research centers with resources for students focused on collaborative academic research, exploration, and learning. Discover the latest in faculty and student publications and recordings and keep on top of the latest School of Music research news and events.

Student Organizations: Find Friends and Grow as a Leader

- Music Therapy Student Association

Meet Our Alumni

CLA Graduates: Successful Careers and Purposeful Lives

CLA graduates succeed in many different careers — law, health care, medicine, business, government, teaching, advertising, arts and entertainment, international relations, and more — precisely because they understand how to navigate a complex and interconnected world. As our alumni explain below, “Being a good employee means being curious, and continuing to evolve, and learn, and educate yourself, and I can think of no stronger foundation for doing that than a liberal arts education.

“An education in the liberal arts is a springboard to lifelong career success”
-- Dean John Coleman
You might also explore

- Child Psychology
- Early Childhood
- Elementary Education Foundations
- Music
- Music Education
- Psychology

Associated Careers

Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers; Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers; Musicians and Singers; Recreational Therapists; Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Admission Information

FRESHMAN: Admission information

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Requirements for the College of Liberal Arts

Beyond admission, if you have questions about transferring, the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) has transfer advisors to help. Please feel free to contact them about any
of the topics below:

• Course plans before transferring
• Estimated time to graduation
• Career preparation in CLA
• Getting ready for orientation, if admitted
• Connecting with major/minor departments