

# MUSIC THERAPY, BM

Students entering this program should have a strong background in music. This should include performance experience with a specific instrument or voice type.

## Admission into the Major

All students must pass an audition in order to declare a music therapy major. To schedule an audition, students must fill out a separate application to the School of Music, which is available online at [music.ua.edu/apply-audition](http://music.ua.edu/apply-audition).

Auditions typically take place between January and March prior to fall enrollment. Upon successful audition, students are expected to declare a major formally no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Students earning the bachelor of music (BM) degree with a major in music therapy must complete all University, College and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 144 applicable semester hours.

Code and Title	Hours
<b>Major Courses</b>	
MUA 010 Music Convocation (five semesters)	0
MUS 115 Theory I: Voice Leading	4
MUS 117 Theory II: Diatonic Harmony	4
MUS 215 Theory III: Chromatic Harmony	4
MUS 217 Theory IV: Advanced Harmony	4
MUS 180 Intro Music Therapy	3
MUS 181 Music Therapy Practicum	1
MUS 250 Music In World Cultures	3
MUS 251 Music History I	3
MUS 252 Music History II	3
MUS 323 Music History III	3
MUS 280 Music Therapy Rep	3
MUS 281 Music Therapy Techniques	3
MUS 282 Music Therapy Practicum (two semesters)	1
MUS 283 Obs & Orient to Music Therapy	3
MUS 382 Music Therapy Practicum (four semesters)	1
MUS 351 Fund Of Conducting	2
MUS 380 Intro Psychology Music	3
MUS 480 Music in Therapy I	3
MUS 481 Music Therapy II	3
MUS 482 Music Therapy III	3
MUS 488 Comp Exam Music Therapy	0
MUS 489 Music Therapy Internship	6
MUE 251 Intro To Winds, Str, Per	3
<b>Principal Course Requirements</b>	
Additional study	5
MUA Secondary Applied (six semesters)	6
MUA 220 Beginning Class Guitar	2
<b>Ensemble Course Requirements</b>	

MUA ensembles (six semesters) 6

### Ancillary Courses

Grades in ancillary courses are not computed in the major GPA.

The major in music therapy requires the successful completion of the following courses outside the major:

PY 101	Intro To Psychology	3
PY 358	Abnormal Psychology	3
BSC 108	Intro Biology Non Maj I	4
BSC 109	Intro Biology Non Maj II	4
Credit Hours Subtotal:		99

**Total Hours 99**

## Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

## Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300- or 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

## Required Minor

The music therapy major does not require the completion of a minor.

## Additional Major Requirements

MUS 121 Intro To Listening does not satisfy the fine arts (FA) general education requirement for music majors. Piano and guitar proficiencies must be passed prior to the internship. Admission to any music therapy course at the 300 level or above is contingent upon:

- the successful completion of MUS 217 Theory IV: Advanced Harmony
- a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0
- grades of C- or higher in all previous music therapy courses or, for equivalency students, acceptance into the program; all requirements must be completed prior to enrollment in MUS 489 Music Therapy Internship

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with minor, College and University requirements.

## MUA Principal Courses

Students must earn a minimum of 6 hours and six semesters in a single instrument or voice. These courses should be chosen from the following courses:

Code and Title	Hours
MUA 231 Piano (Secondary)	0.5-1
MUA 232 Organ (Secondary)	0.5-1
MUA 234 Voice (Secondary)	0.5-1
MUA 240 Oboe (Secondary)	0.5-1
MUA 241 Bassoon (Secondary)	0.5-1
MUA 242 Clarinet (Secondary)	0.5-1

MUA 243	Saxophone (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 254	Symphonic Band	1
MUA 244	Trumpet (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 354	Symphonic Band	1
MUA 245	French Horn (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 156	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 246	Trombone (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 256	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 247	Euphonium (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 356	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 248	Tuba (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 158	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 249	Percussion (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 258	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 235	Violin (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 358	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 236	Viola (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 159	Jazz Ensembles	1
MUA 237	Cello (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 259	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUA 238	Double Bass (Secondary)	0.5 to 1	MUA 359	Jazz Ensembles	1
MUA 239	Flute (Secondary)	0.5-1	MUA 160	Opera Workshop	1
			MUA 260	Opera Workshop	1
			MUA 360	Opera Workshop	1
			MUA 161	Opera Production	1
			MUA 261	Opera Production	1
			MUA 361	Opera Production	1
			MUA 162	University Chorus	1
			MUA 262	University Chorus	1
			MUA 362	University Chorus	1
			MUA 163	University Singers	1
			MUA 263	University Singers	1
			MUA 363	University Singers	1
			MUA 167	Jazz Combo	1
			MUA 267	Jazz Combo	1
			MUA 367	Jazz Combo	1

## Additional Study Courses

In addition to the principal voice, piano or other instrument, students must earn a minimum of five hours of additional study:

### Voice Principal

Code and Title	Hours
MUA 121 Class Piano I & MUA 122 and Class Piano II & MUA 123 and Class Piano III & MUA 124 or and Class Piano IV MUA 299 Piano Proficiency	4
MUA 271 Piano (Majors)	1-4

### Piano Principal

Code and Title	Hours
MUE 381 Vocal Methods Lab	1

### Other Instrument Principal

Code and Title	Hours
Select four semesters of the following:	
MUA 121 Class Piano I & MUA 122 and Class Piano II & MUA 123 and Class Piano III & MUA 124 or and Class Piano IV MUA 299 Piano Proficiency	4
MUA 271 Piano (Majors)	

## MUA Ensemble Courses

Six semesters of ensembles should be chosen from the following courses:

Code and Title	Hours
MUA 150 Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 250 Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 350 Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 152 Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 252 Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 352 Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 153 Marching Band	1
MUA 253 Marching Band	1
MUA 353 Marching Band	1
MUA 154 Symphonic Band	1

Career opportunities include full-time work as a performing musician, full-time opportunities as a licensed music therapist, and many other opportunities within the music industry.

## Types of Jobs Accepted

Recent graduates from The University of Alabama are very successful in major symphony orchestras, military bands and jazz, as freelancers, and as working music therapists.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center