

# Undergraduate Degree and Course Preparation For Graduate Music Therapy Studies

With an undergraduate degree or course work from another academic institution, see your requirements here.

If you are a New Paltz undergrad, or if you are planning to enroll at New Paltz as an undergrad, see degree and course requirements here.

Four areas of study are evaluated when applying to the graduate program

## 1. Undergraduate Music Degree

### Undergraduate degree and electives required for the graduate program

Students interested in graduate music therapy studies at New Paltz should complete an undergraduate music degree, plus elective courses, and music competencies shown below. Undergraduate studies must be from an accredited college or University.

#### 1) A BS or BA in music, 54 credits minimum

Undergraduate course work must include the following Music therapy electives and competencies

#### 2) Music Therapy Elective Courses\*

Introduction to Music Therapy course.....  
 Psychology of Music course.....  
 Songwriting for Music Therapy.....  
 Music Therapy Ethics course.....  
 Music Therapy Methods course.....  
 Music Therapy Practicum or Clinical Experience course...  
 (60 Hours on site supervised by a Board-Certified music therapist)

#### 3) Voice, Piano, Guitar Competencies\*\*

Piano Class\* (3 courses 1, 2, and 3 minimum) or applied lessons...  
 Guitar Class\* (Beginning and intermediate) or applied lessons.....  
 Voice Class\* (beginning and intermediate) or applied lessons.....

#### 4) Psychology Courses

Introductory Psychology course.....  
 Statistics course (Psychology or Sociology Statistics).....

### New Paltz music major with music therapy electives

New Paltz, students enroll in the Music (507) concentration. This degree, plus the electives below fulfill the undergrad completion requirements to apply to the Music Therapy Graduate Program, but do not guarantee admission.

#### 1) BS or BA in Music (507), 54 credits

Courses within this green box are electives included in the Music degree 54 credit total

#### 2) Music Therapy Elective Courses\*

MUS 240 Introduction to Music Therapy..... (3)  
 MUS 345 Psychology of Music..... (3)  
 MUS 342 Songwriting for Music Therapy..... (2)  
 MUS 341 Music Therapy Ethics & Professional Development..... (2)  
 MUS 340 Music Therapy Methods and Materials..... (3)  
 MUS 480 Music Therapy Practicum..... (2)

#### 3) Voice, Piano, Guitar Competencies\*\*

MUS202 Piano 1..... (2)  
 MUS301 Piano 2..... (2)  
 MUS302 Piano 3 Jazz & Popular Styles..... (2)  
 MUS 218 Guitar 1..... (2)

MUS 205 Class Voice..... (2)

#### 4) Psychology Courses\*\*\*

PSY272 Introductory Psychology..... (3)  
 PSY275 Psychological Statistics..... (4)

Click here to see the New Paltz undergraduate Music degree plan.

All coursework included in the green box here counts towards the New Paltz Music degree.

\*\*Competencies in voice, piano, and guitar are determined by placement and advising. Placement for applied lessons is by audition. Placement for competencies is by advisement. For example, a pianist probably only needs to take guitar and voice competency classes.

\*\*\*NOTE: Effective Fall 2016, all New Paltz undergraduate music majors preparing for the graduate music therapy program are required to complete a minor in psychology (which will include these courses)

\*These Music Therapy undergraduate courses are completion requirements for the graduate program. However, students with music degrees who have not taken these courses must take them as part of their graduate studies, or complete them before applying to the graduate program.

## 3. Competencies

\*\*Competencies in voice, piano, and guitar are evaluated when applying to the graduate program. These courses are only required for students who need to improve their skills to meet entrance competencies. For example, a pianist probably only needs to take guitar and voice competency classes.

## 4. Psychology Courses

Questions regarding undergraduate preparation for graduate studies can be addressed to the Graduate Music Therapy Coordinator:

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