

PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: January 13, 2025

School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department/Division: Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Program (Major and Degree): Master of Music (M.M.)

Which campus(es) will offer this program? Athens Campus

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2026

1. Area of Emphasis Title: Master of Music with an Emphasis in Music Therapy Advanced Standing

2. Area of Emphasis Description:

The Master of Music (M.M.) with an Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy Advanced Standing provides in-depth study of the practice of music therapy, including research, clinical applications, and current developments in music therapy theory and practice. Coursework will address the Advanced Competencies in Music Therapy as established by the American Music Therapy Association. Primary career opportunities for graduates of this degree program include the advanced practice of music therapy in a variety of healthcare and educational settings, supervision in music therapy, and teaching music therapy at the undergraduate level. The degree also prepares graduates for future study in music therapy at the doctoral level. At the conclusion of this track students complete a thesis.

I.	Major Area of Concentration: Music Therapy		9 hours
	Trends and Issues in Music Therapy	MUSI 7360	2 hours
	Research in Music Therapy	MUSI 7365	3 hours
	Seminar in Professional Music Therapy Practice	MUSI 7370	3 hours
	Advanced Music Therapy Practicum	MUSI 7375	1 hour
II.	Other Studies in Music		9 hours
	To be selected from:		
	Music Theory (required minimum: 3 hours)		
	Music History/Ethnomusicology (required minimum: 3 hours)		
	Music Education		
	Applied Music		
	Ensembles		
III.	Electives in Related Studies		9 hours
	Students may take any graduate-level course in any subject (including non-music subjects) to fulfill electives. Courses are chosen based on the student's specific area of interest in consultation with an advisor.		
IV.	Research		6 hours
	Master's Research	MUSI 7000	3 hours
	Master's Thesis	MUSI 7300	3 hours
	Total Minimum Hours:		33 hours

3. Major Requirements:

- Minimum of 30 hours in the discipline
- Concentration in area of emphasis (minimum 8 hours)
- Capstone project appropriate to area of emphasis (minimum 2 hours)
- Studies in secondary music fields (minimum 9 hours)

4. Approvals

Department Head

Dean of School/College

Dean of Graduate School