1. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Music Therapy Master’s Degree Programme consists of 120 ECTS credits and requires two academic years of full-time study.

After completing the Music Therapy Master’s programme the student will be:
  • able to understand the essence of music therapy and music psychotherapy from both theoretical and clinical points of views
  • familiar with the key topics of contemporary research on music therapy and music psychology
  • able to communicate and work in collaboration with interdisciplinary teams
  • capable of designing, conducting, and reporting research relevant to the area of music therapy
  • able to apply research findings in further development of music therapy as a profession and in interdisciplinary context
  • acquainted with knowledge and skills needed for PhD studies
2. STUDY UNITS

MTEM012 Music Psychotherapy (5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to:
• describe the theoretical foundation of psychodynamic music psychotherapy
• understand and apply methods and techniques of psychodynamic music psychotherapy
• understand the clinical settings of psychodynamic music psychotherapy
• understand psychodynamic music psychotherapy as a process
• understand psychodynamic music psychotherapy in focus of research activities
• apply this knowledge to clinical assessment and evaluation in music psychotherapy

Learning methods: Introductions, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, reflective group work; assignment

Literature:

Additional literature: to be announced during the course.

Scheduling: 1st and 2nd semesters
Assessment: 0-5

MTEM020 Music therapy in Medicine and as Rehabilitation I (5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student is able to:
• understand possibilities of music therapy within medical contexts and as a form of rehabilitation with different target groups
• describe central concepts on music induced brain activity and pathological brain functioning as related to musical experiences and performance
• understand benefits of musical activities and sound vibration as part of treatment and rehabilitation

Learning methods: Introductions, lectures; literature; demonstrations; workshops; assignment
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Literature:


Additional literature: to be announced during the course.

Scheduling: 3rd semester

Assessment: 0-5

MTEM030 Perspectives on Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to:

• describe central psychiatric disorders and their treatment practices
• describe theoretical backgrounds and clinical practices of the central psychotherapy orientations and approaches

Learning methods: Lectures; group work; study circle; book exam

Literature:

Psychiatric Disorders: Classified in DSM-V and ICD-10. Online resources.


Additional literature: to be announced during the course.

Scheduling: 1st and 2nd semesters

Assessment: 0-5

MMTS011 Music Psychology I (5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student is able to:

• describe psychological processes related to areas such as musical skill development, musical preferences, music and personality, music and movement, music and emotion, and the social psychology of music
• critically evaluate, compare, and summarize various theoretical propositions and empirical studies related to psychological and social aspects of musical behavior

Learning methods: Lectures; literature; exam/assignment

Literature:


W. F. Thompson (2009). Music, thought, and feeling. Understanding the
MMTS041 Sound Processing I (5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to:
- understand basic theoretical issues related to digital sound, including MIDI, sequencer, notation, digital sound recording and editing, sound analysis, synthesis and manipulation
- apply this knowledge in various areas of sound processing
- create objects of digital music for artistic, educational or research purposes
- use the facilities and infrastructure of Music Therapy Clinics for audio-visual production and data collection

Learning methods: Demonstrations; workshops; group work; lab work
Scheduling: 1st semester
Russ Haines, Digital Audio, 2001 (JYU Ebrary)
Additional literature: to be announced during the course.
Assessment: pass - fail

MTEM042 (part 1) & MTEM043 (part 2) Clinical Training I (5 + 5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to:
- understand clinical methods and techniques of music therapy and music psychotherapy as based on self-experience
- understand the possibilities of music therapy and music psychotherapy as a tool for self-knowledge and personal growth

Learning methods: Group work; exercises; workshops; demonstrations; learning diary
Scheduling: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters
Additional literature: to be announced during the course.
Assessment: pass - fail
MTEM044 (part 1) & MTEM045 (part 2) Clinical Training II (5 + 5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to:
- formulate the goals of a therapeutic process
- apply music therapy methods and approaches to clinical practice
- analyse and assess what is happening in the therapy and to document it
- utilise clinical supervision as a tool for professional growth and development

Learning methods: Internship; supervision in group; study group; learning diary

Scheduling: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters


Assessment: pass - fail

MMTS070 & MMTS071 Research Methods (5 + 5 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student is able to:
- list and describe relevant research strategies, data collection methods, and data analysis methods for conducting empirical research in the field of music, mind, and technology.
- critically evaluate the adequacy, reliability, and validity of various research methods in exploring different types of research questions
- apply appropriate methods in conducting small data collection and data analysis tasks.

Learning methods: Lectures; literature; exercises; exam/assignment

Scheduling: 1st and 2nd semesters


Assessment: 0-5

MTEM060 Seminar (5 + 5 ects, consisting of Seminar, colloquium and Integrated Research communication, XNX009)

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to:
- understand the requirements for the planning, executing, and reporting of a scientific research project
- understand the basic principles of academic writing
- critically evaluate strengths and weaknesses of research projects
- communicate research findings both orally and in writing
- In order to pass the course, the student is required to complete his/her Master’s Thesis plan.
Learning methods: Lectures; seminar sessions; preparation of written reports/assignments; oral presentations
Scheduling: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters
Literature: To be announced during the course.
Assessment: 0-5

MTEM070 Thesis (40 ects)

Learning outcomes: After completing the Master’s thesis the student is able to:
• plan and execute a personal research project
• synthesize and critically evaluate pertinent literature
• report a research project
• critically evaluate the results.

Learning methods: Independent research work under the supervision of a designated supervisor; group supervision sessions
Scheduling: 3rd and 4th semesters
Assessment: 0-5

MTEM080 Specialization Topic I (5 ects)  
MTEM081 Specialization Topic II (5 ects)

Learning outcomes: Studies for example on:
• Music, culture and cognition (10 ects); Music Perception I (5 ects); Sound Processing II (5 ects); Music Psychology II (5 ects); Developmental Psychology of Music (5 ects); or other equivalent course relevant to student’s study plan.

Scheduling: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters
Literature: To be announced during the courses.
Assessment: 0-5

MTEM090 Optional studies (5 ects) – will be discussed and defined in the personal study plan

Description:
• Conducting special project within the field of music therapy or developing the communication on music therapy (seminars, congresses, internet, social media, journals, magazines, newspapers, radio & TV etc.)
• Studies on other fields of therapy or rehabilitation.

Scheduling: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters
MTEM091 Clinical supervision (5 ects); optional

**Description:** Optional studies on:
- Working as a tutor and peer-supervisor at the Music Therapy Clinic for Research and Training.
- Attending to reflective discussion in group supervision for tutors.

**Scheduling:** 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters

MTEM092 Practicum in music therapy training and education (5 ects); optional

**Description:** Optional studies on:
- Planning and conducting lectures, demonstrations and/or workshops. Having a hands-on experience on working as a trainer.
- Writing a reflective report on the experiences during the module or course.

**Scheduling:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters

MTEM093 Advanced skills in the music therapy field (5 ects); optional

**Description:** Optional studies on:
- Planning and conducting for example an event (i.e seminar and workshops), and sharing information on possibilities of music therapy. Learning professional communication and collaborative work with different parties.
- Collecting feedback, developing practices, and writing a reflective report on the experiences.

**Scheduling:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters

MTEM094 Developing music therapy practices (5 ects); optional

**Description:** Optional studies on:
- Planning and conducting for example new collaboration with health care and social welfare units, third party associations or communities.
- Learning professional communication and developing clinical practices of Music Therapy Clinic of JYU.
- Collecting feedback, developing practices, and writing a reflective report on the experiences.

**Scheduling:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters

3. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
The MT Programme includes one compulsory language course for all students, XENX009 Research Communication Skills (5 ECTS), which consists of writing skills and oral presentation skills and is integrated within the Seminar course.
In addition, students with native language other than Finnish are required to pass course level 2 in Finnish (i.e. courses XSU0005 Suomi 1 & XSU0006 Suomi 2). Further, it should be noted that Finnish students must fulfil the statutory requirements in Finnish and in Swedish if they wish to be qualified for civil servant (state) positions in Finland. These studies in Finnish and Swedish are in addition to the 120 ECTS MT studies.

4. MATURITY EXAMINATION MUS0Y96 (1 ECTS)
The maturity examination (in Finnish 'kypsyysnäyte' or 'maturiteetti') is a compulsory study attainment stipulated in the Degree Statute. According to the Statute, students have to complete a maturity examination in the field of their thesis. The maturity examination makes up part of the compulsory language and communication studies of the Programme. The maturity examination is an essay-type paper, which assesses both the student's mastery of the subject and his/her language ability. Further information on the maturity exam is available from:
http://www.jyu.fi/hum/en/study/maturityexam

5. MINOR IN COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE
The Centre for Interdisciplinary Brain Research (CIBR) offers a Minor degree to students interested in pursuing neuroscience studies. Students must complete 30 credits from the curriculum defined by the CIBR. Participation will be determined at the time when students devise a personal study plan in September 2014.