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New B.M., Music Therapy Concentration: Curriculum FAQ and Policy Update, Fall 2021

A substantive change was approved by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA).

The new curriculum emphasizes clinical musicianship on piano, guitar, and voice.

Applied Lessons

- Applied lessons are elective in the new curriculum (10 elective credits allowed)
 - Two ensembles required in the new curriculum, all others are elective
- Students may audition for an applied studio or may choose a “no studio” option.
- Students who are accepted to a studio must agree to study in the studio for at least one academic year.
- Students changing studio membership after the academic year must complete a request to change studio membership.

Change of Studio Membership

- Request to change studio membership (join/leave) is due by Nov. 10 of the year prior to the change.
 - Students requesting to join a studio need to complete a music audition and be accepted to the studio.
- Students on scholarship from a studio must meet the requirements of their scholarship to maintain the scholarship.
- Students completing the request to change studio membership are required to submit a form and speak in-person to their applied faculty, as well as to the music therapy faculty.

UDQE

- Music therapy students on the new curriculum will complete the UDQE in the music therapy area.
 - Focused on musicianship within the music therapy competencies
- Students who wish to continue into upper-division lessons (as electives) will complete the UDQE within the applied studio.
 - Applied UDQE is no longer required for music therapy students who are not pursuing upper-division lessons.
 - Note: students may take additional lessons in MU272 (up to 9 semesters).





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