



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# Music Therapy

School of Music, College of Fine Arts & Communication

## Program of Study

The Music Therapy program is a transdisciplinary major that involves courses in music therapy, music, psychology, sociology, and the sciences. Small classes and individual attention help the student develop their own clinical style and philosophy of the treatment process. Western's Music Therapy curriculum is approved by the American Music Therapy Association.

## Faculty

The Music Therapy curriculum allows students to learn from a diverse faculty who present both scholarly and applied study. The coordinator of the program is a frequent presenter at national therapy conventions and has been involved in establishing music therapy curriculum at several universities.

## Scholarship Auditions

The School of Music awards numerous scholarships to incoming freshmen and transfer students. Scholarship amounts vary widely, and most are renewable for eight consecutive semesters of study. All students being considered for scholarships must audition for the School of Music Scholarship Committee. To obtain music audition application materials and/or information for all auditions, visit our website at [www.wiu.edu/music](http://www.wiu.edu/music) or call the auditions coordinator at 309/298-1087.

## School of Music Entrance Auditions

Students who wish to major in music must successfully audition for acceptance into the School of Music. These auditions include screening in piano, aural skills, and written theory. The entrance audition also determines scholarship awards for music majors.

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## Music Ensembles

Large concert ensembles include Wind Ensemble, University Singers, and the Symphony Orchestra. Other specialty ensembles include the Marching Leathernecks and Opera Workshop; there are also opportunities in Music Theatre. Our Jazz Studies program includes Jazz Studio Orchestra, Vocal Jazz Workshop, and a variety of other jazz ensembles. Smaller groups include Percussion and Steel Band Ensembles; Madrigal Singers; University Band; and Piano, Wind, Brass, and String Ensembles.

## Student Organizations

There are a number of organizations for music students: Music Student Council, American String Teachers Association, Illinois Collegiate Music Educators Association, Mu Phi Epsilon, Music Business Association, Music and Miracles, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, Student Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, Student Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Student Chapter of Music Teachers National Association.

## After College

Music Therapy graduates are in demand at rehabilitation centers, day care facilities, psychiatric hospitals, community mental health agencies, nursing homes, hospice facilities, schools, and private practice to provide services for adults and children with psychiatric disorders, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, speech and hearing impairments, physical disabilities, and neurological impairments. Music therapists often act as consultants for music and special educators.

HIGHER VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

**For more information**

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**Leslie F. Malpass Library**

The library and its five branches house more than one million cataloged volumes, 3,300 current journal subscriptions, and 25 foreign and domestic newspapers. In addition, the library provides computer access to resources worldwide, including 800 other Illinois libraries with more than 22 million volumes. When necessary, the interlibrary loan program can have materials in students' hands within a day or two.

**Higher Values in Higher Education**

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in the heart of west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, room, and board.

Western Illinois University complies with all state and federal nondiscrimination laws, orders, and regulations. Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution and affirms its commitment in all programs and activities to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, and status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran.

**Campus Visits**

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisors/faculty, or a financial aid advisor may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit or tour online at [www.admissions.wiu.edu](http://www.admissions.wiu.edu) by selecting "Visit Campus." You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free 877/PICKWIU (742-5948) or 309/298-3157, or by e-mailing [admissions@wiu.edu](mailto:admissions@wiu.edu).

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