

Music Therapy

Become a music therapist by using music as a therapeutic intervention. This process aims to improve the quality of life of people of all ages, attending to their emotional, cognitive, physical, transpersonal, social, and community needs. Music activities include improvisation, performance, composition, movement, vocal work and music listening.

Music Psychology

Explore and understand musical behaviours and experiences by delving into how music is perceived, created and responded to in terms of musical ability, expertise, performance, emotion and social listening behaviours in everyday life.

Music Technology

Become involved in experimental blending of music through technology. This course prepares musicians for the digital age by developing a variety of skills for electronic composing, recording live performances, audio engineering and digital mastering of music.

Research in Music

Integrate your music and academic skills by developing as a musicological scholar. Enrolling for a postgraduate degree in music turns your passion into practical, employable skills in academia and the creative industry. Explore a rich variety of research areas and experiences related to music by conducting your own original research projects, and participating in regular research seminars, workshops and discussions.

Your future Music Career

Make music matter in your career by cultivating skills which will allow you to contribute to your personal professional development and your musical identity.

Application forms

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Faculty of Humanities

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Making Music Matter

Making Music Matter in Africa

The University of Pretoria hosts one of South Africa's leading music departments, offering top quality tuition in a wide variety of specialist degrees, from classical music, jazz, opera and African music; to composition, conducting, music education, and music technology. Our department offers the only Music Therapy Master's degree programme on the African continent. Our facilities include two auditoria with exceptional acoustics, three Steinway concert grand pianos, lecture halls spread in three buildings over two campuses, a recording studio, individual practicing rooms, and dedicated staff with expertise in classical, jazz, instrumental, vocal, choral and African music.

Blended learning & diverse curriculum

Be prepared to adapt to the ever-changing professional music landscape through blended learning within a diverse curriculum. We take particular pride in the rigorous development of musicianship skills in aural, music theory, ensemble work, and improvisation.

Undergraduate Degrees

- **BMus** - A 4 year (and extended 5 year option) professional Bachelor's degree in Music.

The **extended BMus** (5 year) offers definite career paths to musically gifted students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Postgraduate Degrees

- **BMusHons** (Performance/Community Music/Music Education/Musicology/Music Technology)
- **MMus** (Research/Performance/Composition)
- **DMus** (Research/Performance/Composition)
- **PhD** (Research)

Enhancing your experience and expertise

Multiple opportunities are provided to further develop your musicianship beyond the studio, classroom or stage. These include:

- Regular solo and ensemble performances, lunch-time concerts, class presentations and formal recitals
- Master classes with visiting national or international musicians and scholars
- Collaboration with local community partners and schools
- Participation in a variety of ensemble groups, including the University Symphony Orchestra, the Departmental Jazz Ensemble, the University Camerata Choir, or the African Cultural Ensemble.

Instrumental and vocal training

Develop your talent to its fullest potential by exposure to both studio training and performance opportunities. Options include keyboard-, string-, wind-, percussion instruments, and voice. Hone your music skills to become an expert performer while exploring the methodology of the instrument of your choice, thereby attaining optimal use of your expertise.



Western Art Music

Explore classical music as a wide ranging experience and western art form at one of South Africa's leading music departments. Options include keyboard, strings, wind, percussion, and voice.

Jazz Studies

Refine your skills in jazz performance, improvisation, jazz theory, and jazz composition and arranging. Participate in jazz ensembles, develop your grasp of popular styles and the language of jazz to enhance your creative potential.

African and World Music

Experience the vibrancy of African and World Music as an integral and indigenous part of our diverse curriculum. Explore your identity through performance, research and coursework opportunities in Ethnomusicology.

Composition

Mature your musicianship in the craft of composing, orchestrating and arranging, by applying your theoretical knowledge of musical form and construction.

Music Education

Be exposed to current best practices and novel technologies in order to nurture musicianship in others. Become a sophisticated and well-rounded music educator through observation, application, and discussion. Develop your own innovative strategies for different educational environments, including the studio, classroom and community centre.

Choral and orchestral conducting

Be equipped with the necessary skills through practical and theoretical study to become a choral or orchestral conductor for a variety of contexts.