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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%).
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<p>Beginning: 1 October</p> <p>Mode of study: We believe that sustainable learning is only possible if there is enough space for experimentation, games and critical thinking. That is why we have completely restructured the classical course of studies. Read more about our CORE Principle.</p>
Application deadline	There are no application deadlines , so you can apply at any time until all of the places in the programme have been filled.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	5,100 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	<p>Applicants from EEA countries: 690 EUR per month + one-time registration fee of 750 EUR</p> <p>Applicants from non-EEA countries without a permanent residence permit: 5,100 EUR per semester + one-time registration fee of 1,000 EUR</p>
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

Description/content

Would you like to use the healing power of music to help people? In our programme, you will develop music therapy skills and learn about the latest therapy concepts.

Music Therapy is the specific therapeutic use of music for the promotion of emotional, cognitive, social, and physical integration and recovery on a scientific basis. As an arts therapy approach, it has the potential to contribute to activation, stabilisation, and recovery in the context of prevention, acute intervention, and rehabilitation.

In both science and clinical practice, there is an increasing interest in music therapy approaches as an important addition to standard care.

The professional context of music therapists is not limited to traditional areas of practice such as psychiatry, psychosomatic medicine, or special education. Music therapy is also applied in classical somatic medicine and increasingly used in prevention.

In recent decades, music therapy has been established in the following fields:

- psychiatry
- psychosomatics and psychotherapy
- neurology (early and general rehabilitation)
- geriatrics
- palliative and hospice care
- paediatrics
- intensive medicine centres (for example, neonatology, oncology, pain) and their post-intensive care facilities
- psychosocial institutions working with children and families with special needs, disabilities, and early support
- institutions of prevention and education (e.g. music schools, youth centres, kindergartens)

The Master's study programme is anchored in the Evidence-Based Practice Model within medical and health science-related contexts. It offers a comprehensive therapy education, including psychodynamic / depth psychology models, cognitive-behavioural approaches and systemic, humanistic, and genuine arts-therapies approaches. Fundamental musical and clinical competencies are taught on the basis of manualised therapy concepts and practised in small groups. The development of your therapist personality is encouraged and supported by music therapy self-exploration and therapy supervision.

Course Details

Course organisation

This programme is designed as a two-year full-time programme and generally begins with the winter semester on 1 October. The study programme contains 120 ECTS and concludes with a state approved degree. The interdisciplinary team of lecturers offers the ideal environment for studying in a field where music therapy, medicine, psychology and music overlap.

It has been our philosophy to combine teaching, practise, and research under one umbrella.

- Teaching – Music therapy, music, and psychology/medical subjects are aligned with the respective topic and are combined with opportunities for the students to develop their therapist personalities (e.g. music therapy experiential and self-experience groups).
- Practise – The music therapy outpatient centre on-campus and clinical internships (in cooperation with our national and international partner facilities) offer training opportunities closely linked to everyday practice.
- Research/Science – Our in-house psychophysiology laboratory and the collaborative research projects with our national and international partners provide the opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with and contribute to scientific work and research under the supervision of our scientists.

The Music Therapy applied Master's course of study contains the following modules:

Module 1: Introduction to therapy sciences

Module 2: Introduction to music therapy

Module 3: Psychology

Module 4: Fundamental instrumental skills

Module 5: Clinical psychology (mental health)

Module 6: Neurology & quantitative research methods
 Module 7: Basic musical competencies
 Module 8: Clinical placement
 Module 9: Evidence-based clinical practice (pain)
 Module 10: Assessment & clinical practice with children and adolescents
 Module 11: Arts therapies and specific applications
 Module 12: Advanced instrumental skills
 Module 13: Advanced placement (clinical or research)
 Module 14: Professionalisation, law, & ethics
 Module 15: Master's thesis

The advantages of our high-quality programme include the following:

- We offer small study groups.
- Our competence model: Competencies as required by employers and practice are the foundation of the curricular study structure.
- Five-week units aligned to one practice-related subject
- Transparent study organisation with evaluation and clearly defined, competence-oriented exam settings specifically tailored to the respective content.
- Education partnership: academic/professional, organisational and personal support from mentors
- Specially equipped facilities, such as PC studios and practice rooms, allow medial support for music notation, therapy analysis, etc.
- International study flair with student exchange with selected universities and clinics
- Close collaboration between the educative music therapy outpatient centre and the study courses
- Quality assurance through regular, confidential evaluation and open exchange between lecturers and students
- Guest lecturers in the context of academic colloquia, teaching exchange, or research partnerships

International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Training in intercultural skills • Projects with partners in Germany and abroad • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Integrated internships	Between the first and second years of the degree, students complete an internship (sometimes called "practicum" or placement), typically from late July to the beginning of October. The clinical internship provides intense practical experience outside the classroom, supervised closely by external mentors (or supervisors). These mentors are academically educated music therapists. The organisation is handled by the students in consultation with the university. Every placement requires prior approval of the university (the internship office of the faculty). This internship must be completed in a location where the student speaks the language of the patients.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

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Semester contribution	None
Costs of living	Approx. 950–1,000 EUR per month for personal expenses
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A state-approved university degree of at least six semesters' duration in one of the following disciplines: music/music studies, psychology, medicine, social pedagogy, or a similar degree • Individual exceptions are possible, but require special approval • Personal and artistic eligibility (assessment) • Good English skills (details below)
Language requirements	<p>English language proficiency IELTS 6.5 / TOEFL 80 / Duolingo Certificate 120 / PTE Academics 58 or a comparable test</p> <p>We may also personally interview applicants in order to test their English skills. If applicants have studied completely in English in their previous studies, we may waive the required test.</p>
Application deadline	There are no application deadlines , so you can apply at any time until all of the places in the programme have been filled.
Submit application to	Online application only

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	There are various opportunities to become a working student alongside your studies. Each student is allowed to work 20 hours per week as a working student in any company.
Accommodation	On-campus housing is available. Please contact SRH Campus Apartments for information.
Career advisory service	We offer individual career counselling services in our Career Development Centre . Here you will find courses on how to prepare for job applications and interviews, covering techniques such as body language and voice training, as well as continued education offerings such as our business skills certificate. In addition, you can access job listings on the university website.
Support for international students and doctoral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome event

candidates

- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Accompanying programme

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

International Cultural Club, workshops, free language courses, social and networking events



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SRH University Heidelberg offers an in-depth education on music therapy and the research process. All of the professors are gifted and supportive in creating opportunity for student interaction and learning through experience and practical work. A benefit of this programme is the development of personal initiative and an entrepreneurial spirit, both of which are vital in finding or creating clinical positions and in furthering the profession through research and publication.



Music Therapy – SRH University Heidelberg

Our student, Zoe, gives you an overview of possible career prospects as a music therapist.

» more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7xudzCIBII>

SRH Universities



Welcome to SRH University Heidelberg

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The SRH University Heidelberg is one of the oldest and largest private universities in Germany. Its modern campus is found in one of Germany's prettiest cities. The university offers more than 40 modern, applied courses of high academic quality, leading to internationally recognised academic qualifications, such as Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Around 3,600 students are currently enrolled across six faculties, which include the School of Applied Psychology; the School of Information, Media, and Design; the School of Therapeutic Sciences; the School of Social and Legal Sciences; the School of Business; and the School of Engineering and Architecture. The university's core competencies are excellent instruction, applied research, and continual scientific training. Cooperation with international universities benefits both students and staff alike.



University location

Known throughout the world for its romantic setting, Heidelberg is a dynamic city with a wide range of cultural attractions, art venues, concerts, theatres, shopping, restaurants, and a vibrant nightlife. In addition, Heidelberg is known for its lively scientific and political scene. Students are encouraged to socialise, learn, and get active in the community. As a university city, Heidelberg has a long history of welcoming international students.

Germany is located in the middle of Europe, so it is easy to get around. The cost of living in Germany is around average for the EU. Of course, the amount of money you will need greatly depends on how economically you live. It is also a safe country with a low crime rate, and the society is cosmopolitan, open-minded and welcoming.

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