

# MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC

## MA in Music

### Master of Arts in Music

The MA in Music at Montclair State University offers three different concentration options to suit each student's specific career goals. The program offers both fall and spring starts and operates on a rolling admissions basis.

### Concentrations Options

#### Music Education

The 33-hour MA in Music Education program is for music teachers seeking advanced skills in music and pedagogy. The program also fosters a balance of theory and practice to nurture musical maturity, reflective teaching practice and educational leadership\*

\*NOTE: A U.S.-teaching certificate or completion of an alternate routed music education program is required for admission into this program.

#### Music Therapy

This 40.5 credit program offers a combination of supportive psychology and research courses including courses in assessment, clinical improvisation techniques, group music therapy (experiential and client centered), and teaching and supervision.

#### Music Theory/Composition

This 32-credit program offers advanced studies to support the development of students' personal styles. The goal of the composition program is to prepare students for the professional music world and doctoral program and is open to all styles of music.

What I love about Montclair State University is the abundance of academic and personal opportunities through its extensive range of majors and minors, its diverse liberal arts electives, its student-run organizations, events, outdoor programs, and professional performances on campus free for students! I also love the Spanish architecture and lush green spaces that you can get immersed in everyday. But to me, what really sets Montclair apart is its commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and social mobility, which is reflected in its dedication to underserved communities.

**Estefania** - Colombia  
International student



**\$100,840** average salary for post-secondary music educators in 2023

**\$75,660** average salary for music therapists in 2023

**\$62,590** average salary for music composers in 2023

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2023*

**20 kilometers** from New York City

**#88** top public schools

*U.S. News & World Report 2023, Top Public Colleges and Universities*

## Program Highlights

- Support from faculty mentors
- Small classes
- Opportunity to participate in small or large ensembles
- Private lessons
- Exceptional conservatory-level training in best-in-class facilities
- Access to the David Ott Lab for Music and Health

## Career Outcomes

Graduates with an MA in Music can go into a wide range of fields. Some of the most common career outcomes and fields are:

- Music producer
- Music therapist
- Musician
- Private music teacher
- Secondary school teacher
- Sound designer
- Sound engineer
- Sound technician, broadcasting/film/video
- Special effects technician
- Acoustic consultant
- Arts administrator
- Broadcast engineer
- Community arts worker
- Theater stage manager

## Sample Courses

This **30-40.5-credit program** consists of many course options to choose from that will help you gain the skills and knowledge you need to help you succeed in your future career.

### Music Education

- Critical Issues in Music Education
- Technology for Music Teachers
- Psychology of Music
- Pedagogy of Complete Musician
- Teaching Music As Democratic Practice
- Critical and Creative Thinking in Music

### Music Therapy

- Introduction to Music Therapy
- Musical Style and Analysis
- Psychology of Music
- Clinical Improvisation
- Therapy and Observation Skills for Music Therapy
- Music Therapy Practicum I
- Methods and Materials in Music Therapy
- Music Therapy with Children

### Music Theory/Composition

- Applied Music
- Musical Styles & Analysis
- Special Topics in Music I
- Problems in Music History and Analysis
- Performance Practice in the Classical Era
- Music Since 1960



## Admission Requirements

- Application
- Application fee
- NACES transcript evaluation
- English proficiency test score
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- An interview or formal audition (depends on concentration)

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