

Art Therapy BA

Overview

The **Bachelor of Arts in Art Therapy**, offered by the Department of Art Education and Community Arts Practices, introduces students to a professional pathway that integrates mental health, human services and the creative process. The program supports students' development of a broad range of skills needed to succeed in careers from art therapy to counseling, enriching the lives of individuals, families and communities.

While a master's degree is required in the professional field of art therapy, this program rigorously prepares students who are interested in pursuing advanced studies in art therapy at the graduate level or art therapy-related jobs. Students learn communication and collaboration, creative design and planning, critical observation and research and self-awareness and cultural responsiveness—skills that can be applied in many kinds of work and master's-level study in a variety of fields.

Tyler Art Therapy offers students access to the resources of a world-class art school; a large, urban, public research university; and faculty who are committed to the power of healing through art. Students benefit from the school's location in Philadelphia and the city's rich array of schools, communities, clinics, museums and galleries near Temple, opening up opportunities for networking, internships, jobs and graduate school.

Campus Location: Main

Program Code: TA-ARTT-BA

Admissions

For information on how to apply, please visit Tyler's Art Therapy admissions page.

Study Abroad

Students who plan to study abroad should arrange to meet with their academic advisor and the Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses office as early as possible, preferably during the freshman year, in order to explore options and plan the sequence of courses that would be most appropriate.

Accreditation

Temple University is a non-profit accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). NASAD establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials for art and design and art/design-related disciplines, and provides assistance to institutions and individuals engaged in artistic, scholarly, educational, and other art/design-related endeavors.

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Requirements

The degree of Bachelor of Arts in Art Therapy may be conferred upon a student by recommendation of the faculty and upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit with a 2.0 GPA.

University Requirements

Students must complete the requirements of the General Education (GenEd) program (32 credits).

- Summer or semester study abroad will satisfy the GenEd Global/World Society (GG) requirement.
- Successful completion (minimum grade of C-) in both FDPR 1511 and ARTH 1156 will waive the GenEd Arts (GA) requirement.

All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses at Temple University as part of the major. Writing-intensive courses are identified by the last two digits of the course number (xx96, xx97, xx98). These courses are also identified by the Course Attribute of "WI."

Foreign Language Requirement

Students must complete the second level of a foreign language (4-8 credits).

Major Requirements

ARTE 1001, ARTT 2011, ARTT 3004, ARTE 3202, and ARTT 4289 must be completed with a C or better to fulfill major requirements.

Students will be expected to complete a portfolio of artwork that shows advanced skills in at least one studio area.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Studio Requirements		
ART 2011	Socially Engaged Arts Practices in Communities	3
FDPR 1511	Foundation Drawing	3
FDPR 1521	2D Foundation Principles	3
FDPR 1532	3D Foundation Principles/C	3
ART 2501	Painting	3
or ART 2503	Painting	
or ART 2506	Painting Workshop	
ART 2201	Introduction to Fibers and Material Studies	3
or ART 1201	Introduction to Fibers for Non-Tyler BFA Majors	
ART 2702	Survey of Etching and Relief	3
ART 2101	Beginning Ceramics	3
or ART 1101	Introduction to Beginning Ceramics for Non-Tyler BFA Majors	
ART 2601	Photo I: Digital	3
or ART 2602	Digital Imaging	
or ART 2603	Photo I: Digital	
or ART 2604	Introduction to Photography (Online Digital Course)	
Studio Elective 3000+ level		3
Art Therapy Requirements		
ARTE 1001	Professional Practices in Art Education and Art Therapy	1
ARTT 3004	Introduction to Art Therapy	3
ARTT 2011	Creative Process in Art Therapy	3
ARTE 3202	Teaching Artists	3
ARTT 4289	Field Work in Art Therapy	4
Art History Requirements		
ARTH 1155	Arts of the World I: Prehistoric to 1300	3
or ARTH 1955	Honors Arts of the World I: Prehistoric to 1300	
ARTH 1156	Arts of the World II: 1300 to the 21st Century	3
or ARTH 1956	Honors Arts of the World II: 1300 to the 21st Century	
Art History Writing Intensive courses		8
Psychology Requirements		
PSY 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 2301	Foundations of Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 2201	Foundations of Psychopathology	3
PSY 2103	Foundations of Learning and Behavior Analysis	3
Total Credit Hours		70

Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a **suggested** academic plan. Depending on your situation and the availability of courses, your academic plan may look different. Please be sure to check your plan with your academic advisor.

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		
Fall		Credit Hours
ENG 0802 or ENG 0812 or ENG 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL or Honors Writing About Literature	4
ARTH 1155 or ARTH 1955	Arts of the World I: Prehistoric to 1300 or Honors Arts of the World I: Prehistoric to 1300	3
FDPR 1511	Foundation Drawing ¹	3
FDPR 1521	2D Foundation Principles	3
FDPR 1532	3D Foundation Principles/C	3
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ARTE 1001	Professional Practices in Art Education and Art Therapy	1
ART 2011	Socially Engaged Arts Practices in Communities	3
ARTH 1156 or ARTH 1956	Arts of the World II: 1300 to the 21st Century ¹ or Honors Arts of the World II: 1300 to the 21st Century	3
PSY 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
IH 0851 or IH 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ}		4
Credit Hours		17
Year 2		
Fall		
ARTT 3004	Introduction to Art Therapy	3
Select one of the following:		3
ART 2101	Beginning Ceramics	
ART 1101	Introduction to Beginning Ceramics for Non-Tyler BFA Majors	
Select one of the following:		3
ART 2601	Photo I: Digital	
ART 2602	Digital Imaging	
ART 2603	Photo I: Digital	
ART 2604	Introduction to Photography (Online Digital Course)	
PSY 2301	Foundations of Developmental Psychology	3
IH 0852 or IH 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
ARTT 2011	Creative Process in Art Therapy	3
Select one of the following:		3
ART 2201	Introduction to Fibers and Material Studies	
ART 1201	Introduction to Fibers for Non-Tyler BFA Majors	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Free Elective		3
Language Requirement - Second Level ²		4
Credit Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
PSY 2201	Foundations of Psychopathology	3
ARTE 3202	Teaching Artists	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3

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Select one of the following:		3
ART 2501	Painting	
ART 2503	Painting	
ART 2506	Painting Workshop	
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
ART 2702	Survey of Etching and Relief	3
PSY 2103	Foundations of Learning and Behavior Analysis	3
Free Elective		2
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Art History Writing Intensive		4
Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Studio Elective ³		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Free Elective		3
Art History Writing Intensive		4
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
ARTT 4289	Field Work in Art Therapy	4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Free Elective		3
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Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		120

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These 2 courses constitute the waiver for the GenEd Arts category if the courses are completed with a C- or better.

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If second level language (1002) is not required as determined by placement testing, these credits must be taken as academic elective.

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Students must take a 3000-level studio course or higher in order to build advanced skills in at least one studio area.

Please Note: An approved study abroad program will waive the GenEd Global/World Society (GG) requirement. Art Therapy majors interested in studying abroad should consult with an academic advisor to discuss how a semester or a summer program fits in the program to remain on track for graduation.