

2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOREIGN STUDENT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

(A BRIEF OUTLINE)

GRADUATE SCHOOL
(MASTER'S COURSE)

※This is a brief outline of the admission guidelines for foreign students who wish to enter Musashino in 2025. For further information please visit Musashino Academia Musicae Japanese Website.

https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/entrance/graduate/first_foreign

Complete details can be found by opening the PDF file below.

【2025 年度 大学院音楽研究科（修士課程）外国人留学生入学試験要項】

https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/download_file/3874/1112

MUSASHINO ACADEMIA MUSICAE

1. Courses Available

Department	Course	Instrument	
Instrumental Music	Instrumental Music Course	Keyboard Instrument	piano, organ
		Wind Instrument	flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba
		Percussion Instrument	marimba, percussion
		String Instrument	violin, viola, violoncello, contrabass, harp
	Piano Collaborative Arts Course		
Vocal Music	Vocal Music Course		
Composition			
Musicology			
Music Education			

◇ For information about the virtuoso course (instrumental and vocal), please refer to “Application for the Virtuoso Course”. (See pages 10-11 in this booklet.)

◇ The academic year starts in April 2025.

2. Number of Applicants to be Accepted

Entrance examination classification	Number of applicants to be accepted
Graduate School of Music (master’s program) Entrance Examinations Schedule A and Schedule B	65
Foreign Student Entrance Examination (master’s program)	

3. Prerequisites

The following four are the prerequisites for all the applicants.

(1) Non-Japanese nationality. However, non-Japanese living in Japan with permanent visas are not eligible.

(2) Applicants must meet one of the following three requirements.

① They have or will have completed 16 years of school education in countries other than Japan by March 2025.

② They have or will have completed at least 3 years of university education and possess a bachelor’s degree. (Including those expected to be completed by March 2025.)

③ They are recognized to have academic ability equivalent to or higher than the above.

(3) Applicants must have, or be able to change to or renew, a status of residence of “Student” at the time of enrollment.

(4) Applicants must also have sufficient Japanese language ability to study in the language. All teaching is done in Japanese.

4. Examination Subjects

Subjects marked ○ are compulsory.

Subject	Performance	Sight-reading	Basic harmony (on bass)	Submission of a composition	Short essay	Translation (English into Japanese)	Written exam of major	Oral exam	Interview	Document check
Instrumental Music	○	○*	○	-	-	-	-	-	○	○
Vocal Music	○	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	○	○
Composition	○	-	-	○	-	-	-	○	○	○
Musicology	-	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○
Music Education	○ (Instrumental music, Vocal music)	-	○	-	○	-	○	○	○	○

Note: *Sight-reading applies only to those applying for the Piano Collaborative Arts Course.

◇ The interview and oral exam, which include questions about the essay in Japanese submitted at the time of application, are used to assess whether the applicant's proficiency in Japanese is equivalent to the N2 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

◇ The applicant's previous school transcript is used for his/her document check.

5. Examination Schedule

(1) Place: Musashino Academia Musicae, Ekoda Campus

(1-13-1, Hazawa, Nerima-ku, Tokyo 176-8521 Japan)

(2) Examination dates: Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, 2024

(3) Examination schedule

Department	Course	Instrument	December 7	December 8
Instrumental Music	Instrumental Music Course	Piano	Performance	Basic harmony, Interview
		Organ	Performance	Basic harmony, Interview
		Wind Instruments	Performance	Basic harmony, Interview
		Percussion Instruments	Performance	Basic harmony, Interview
		String Instruments	Performance	Basic harmony, Interview
	Piano Collaborative Arts Course	Performance, Sight-reading	Basic harmony, Interview	
Vocal Music	Vocal Music Course		Performance	Basic harmony, Interview
Composition			Demonstration of composition ability	Oral examination, Interview
Musicology			Translation (English into Japanese), Written exam of major	Basic harmony, Oral examination, Interview
Music Education			Performance, Written exam of major	Basic harmony, Oral examination, Interview

◇For details, please refer to the Application Guidelines (受験要領) to be sent to the email addresses registered on our application website on November 29.

◇Accompanists/Co-performers

- ① When an accompanist is necessary, only a piano accompanist is acceptable.
- ② Musashino will provide accompanists for applicants who take a vocal performance test. However, applicants can provide their own accompanists if they wish.
- ③ In cases when accompanists are necessary, applicants who take an instrumental performance test must make their own arrangements. However, in such cases, no Musashino faculty or staff can be accompanists.
- ④ Applicants for Piano Collaborative Arts Course must provide their own co-performers for their performance examination. No Musashino faculty or staff can be co-performers.
- ⑤ If the accompanist needs to be changed for unavoidable reasons, please notify the Admissions Office by 16:50, Friday, November 22 to obtain permission. No changes will be accepted after that.

6. Application Procedure

For details on the application procedure, please see “Guidance on Web Application” included in Foreign Student Entrance Examination Guidelines in Japanese.

(1) Application period, Application Fee, Mailing address

Registration period on the website	[Registration of the application information online] Registrations are accepted from 10:00, Friday, October 25, to 23:59, Friday, November 1, 2024.
Application by post	Ensure your applications arrive no later than Tuesday, November 5, 2024. They should be postmarked on or after October 25, 2024. ※When sending from within Japan, be sure to use Acceptance-Recorded Mail (<i>Letter Pack Light</i>). When sending from abroad, please send by EMS. ※Documents can only be submitted by post.
Application address	Academic Affairs Department, Musashino Academia Musicae: Admissions Office 1-13-1, Hazawa, Nerima-ku, Tokyo, 176-8521, Japan Tel +81-3-3992-1119 (direct number)

Application process

- ① Prepare the documents to submit (certificates, essays, etc.)
- ② Enter the applicant's basic information on the website form. (First-time applicants)
- ③ Upload a face photo and enter the application information.
- ④ Submit application fee.
- ⑤ Print, complete, and submit the documents by post.

Application fee

Application fee: ¥40,000

For details, please see "Guidance on Web Application" included in Foreign Student Entrance Examination Guidelines in Japanese.

*Choose a way of payment:

- by credit card,
- at convenience stores,
- by pay-easy.

However, if you apply from abroad, you should pay the application fee by credit card.

*A handling charge will be necessary for the payment.

*Once paid, the application fee will not be returned.

(2) Required documents

① Application form

Enter the required information on the Web Application Website and download and print the form.

② Registration form

The applicant must download and print the registration form for the graduate entrance examination for foreign students. This form must list academic record and pieces to be performed and must be handwritten using a black permanent ballpoint pen.

The period the form can be downloaded: September 1 to November 1

③ Essay in Japanese

Applicants must download and print the essay form for the graduate entrance examination for foreigners on the Web Application Website. The applicant's essay, written in Japanese, must explain his/her motives for applying for the Graduate School of Musashino, a research proposal, and prospects after his/her study in Japan, etc. It should be handwritten with a black permanent ballpoint pen and be about 800 letters (kanji, etc.) Typed essays will not be accepted.

The period the form can be downloaded: September 1 to November 1

④ Accompanist scores

Vocal Music applicants must submit the scores with their application if Musashino-provided accompanists are to be used. (Those who provide their own accompanists do not

need to submit the scores.) The size of the score should be approximately 26 centimeters in height and 19 centimeters in width, (no more than 27 centimeters in height and 21 centimeters in width). However, A4 size scores are also acceptable. The score should be bound in long edge binding in a way that is easy to open. Thick sheets of paper should not be used for scores. Song titles, the applicants' names, and vocal ranges must be written on the top page.

⑤ **Composition score, etc.**

A composition applicant must submit a copy of his/her original composition with his/her name written on the top page.

⑥ **Essay**

Musicology and Music Education applicants must submit short essays written in Japanese. The applicant's name must be written on the top page.

⑦ **Graduation certificate**

Applicants must submit original certificates of university graduation or future graduation issued by their universities. The certificate in the original language must be submitted with a Japanese or English translation.

※The certificate of graduation is not the diploma presented in graduation ceremonies.

- If the certificate of future graduation is submitted, then following actual graduation, the certificate of graduation must be submitted to the Admissions Office.

- If an original document cannot be submitted, please submit a certified true copy* of the graduation certificate. If a certificate of graduation cannot be issued by their universities, then a certified true copy* of the diploma may be submitted.

⑧ **Official transcript**

An application document must include a transcript of grades issued by universities in the original language with Japanese or English translation. If the original document cannot be submitted, please submit a certified true copy* of a transcript.

⑨ **Passport copy**

A copy on A4 size paper of the applicant's passport pages showing his/her passport number, name, birth date, nationality, face photo, valid period, and details of any entry to or departure from Japan, is required.

⑩ **Copy of residence card / Certificate of residence**

Applicants residing in Japan must submit an A4 size copy of both sides of their Residence Card or Certificate of Residence. The applicant's nationality/region, status of residence, permitted period of stay, and date of expiration must be shown. The Certificate of Residence needs to have been obtained within three months prior to the application.

*A certified true copy is a document which has been certified as a true copy of the original by a public institution such as a college, university, embassy, consulate, or a notary public.

It has been affixed with an official seal by the issuing institution or a notary public. Japanese language schools and translation companies are not recognized as public institutions. Translations of the documents must be done by the public institutions concerned.

Attention:

※ Submit all the necessary documents during the specified period by post. Once submitted, no document will be returned.

※ Please check the document for any errors or omissions before you send it.

※ Early preparation for the application process is key to meeting the deadline because issuing a certificate or certifying a true copy of the original takes considerable time.

※ Please submit all the documents by the deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

7. Examination Result Announcement

(1) Results of the examination will be announced on Friday, December 13, 2024.

(2) Results will be available using Pass/Fail Inquiry System on the Musashino Academia Musicae Website from 16:00, Friday, December 13 to 16:00, Sunday, December 15. Immediately after the announcement, it may be hard to access the website due to the heavy traffic.

The results will also be sent by post to all the applicants. However, they will not arrive on the date of the announcement.

※ No inquiry over the telephone is accepted.

8. Enrollment Procedure

(1) “Enrollment Procedures for International Students in Academic Year 2025” will be sent to all successful applicants. It includes information regarding the payment of the tuition and other fees. Payment must be made between Monday, December 16, 2024, and 15:00, Wednesday, December 25, 2024. (In case the payment is not made by the above-indicated deadline, the approval of admission will be canceled.)

(2) Tuition and equipment fees can be paid in two installments (first and second semesters).

(3) In principle no refund of entrance or tuition fee is possible. However, if a written notification of withdrawal is received by Monday, March 31, 2025, at the very latest, the tuition fee only, will be refunded.

(4) Successful applicants must make their own applications regarding visa status as foreign students studying in Japan or must change to such a visa. They should do this as quickly as possible and then complete their enrollment procedure. An application for a Musashino scholarship can only be made after the Status of Residence of “Student” has been obtained.

Status of Residence of “Student”

- New students without a Status of Residence in Japan must obtain a “Student” visa. They must have a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) issued before applying for the visa. Musashino Academia Musicae will act as a proxy and apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) upon request. Once Musashino submits their COE application, it usually takes 2-3 months to process. The student will have a “Student” visa issued at the Japanese embassy/consulate in their home country by submitting the required documents such as a letter of admission and a Certificate of Eligibility.
- New students who need to renew their Status of Residence of “Student” must carry out the procedure. The applications for extension of the period of stay can be accepted three months before the expiration date of the current period of stay. If the expiration date of the Status of Residence comes after April 1, new students must submit two notifications to the Immigration Service Agency. One must be submitted within 14 days after graduating or withdrawing from an institution such as a Japanese language school. The other must be submitted within 14 days after entering Musashino Academia Musicae. If people with a Status of Residence of “Student” stay in Japan for more than three months, without enrollment at an educational institution, they might have their Status of Residence revoked.
- If those with a Status of Residence other than “Student” (except for those with a “Temporary Visitor” status) wish to change it to “Student”, they must submit an “Application for Change of Status of Residence”. The application will take approximately a month to be completed after the submission.
- Necessary documents for the above applications will be sent by post after the completion of the enrollment procedure.

9. Tuition and Other Fees

Academic year	Department/ Course		Entrance fee	Tuition	Equipment fee	Supporters' membership fee	Total (yearly)
Year of Admission	Instrumental Music	Instrumental Music Course	¥350,000	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,800,000
		Piano Collaborative Arts Course	¥350,000	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,800,000
		Virtuoso Course	¥350,000	¥1,270,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,850,000
	Vocal Music	Vocal music Course	¥350,000	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,800,000
		Virtuoso Course	¥350,000	¥1,270,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,850,000
	Composition Musicology Music Education		¥350,000	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,800,000
Second year	Instrumental Music	Instrumental Music Course	—	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,450,000
		Piano Collaborative Arts Course	—	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,450,000
		Virtuoso Course	—	¥1,270,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,500,000
	Vocal Music	Vocal music Course	—	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,450,000
		Virtuoso Course	—	¥1,270,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,500,000
	Composition Musicology Music Education		—	¥1,220,000	¥220,000	¥10,000	¥1,450,000

10. Information on Student Residence Flügel

Completed in 2024, this innovative dormitory for female students prioritizes privacy and security, ensuring a comfortable student life. It is within a three-minute walk of the campus and close to three stations: Ekoda, Shin-Sakuradai, and Kotake-Mukaihara. All the rooms are single occupancy. They have a separate toilet and bathroom, equipped with air conditioning, a refrigerator, and a washing machine. The student residence also has free practice rooms for the exclusive use of residents.

For information on tenant applications, please refer to the notification sent to all successful applicants.

11. Additional Information

- (1) All classes at Musashino are taught in Japanese.
- (2) Musashino Academia Musicae has “The Fukui Naoaki Memorial Scholarship” (for 2nd-year master's students) which is awarded to students showing outstanding academic achievement, character, and a strong desire to learn. In addition, there is a “Student Life Support Fund for International Students” which helps all international students.
- (3) If application documents contain any false statements, the approval of admission will be canceled.

Application for the Virtuoso Course

Those who pass the foreign applicants' examinations on December 7 and 8 with the required level of performance may apply for the Virtuoso Course entrance examination on March 6. A notification for the Virtuoso Course examination will be enclosed with the acceptance letter for those who qualify.

(1) The following is the information on the major performance examination assignments for the Virtuoso Course.

① The applicants for the Virtuoso Course of the Instrumental Music Department are required to play the virtuoso course assignments on pages 21-29 of the 2025 Graduate School Entrance Examination Guidelines. Assignments for non-virtuoso courses are not required.

② The applicants for the Virtuoso Course of the Vocal Music Department are required to sing the virtuoso course assignments on page 29 of the 2025 Graduate School Entrance Examination Guidelines. Assignments for non-virtuoso courses are not required.

※All the pieces performed in the virtuoso course examination must differ from those performed in the foreign applicants' examination.

※Please be sure to check the 2025 Musashino Academia Musicae Graduate School Entrance Examination Guidelines for the assigned pieces for the virtuoso course. Please refer to the QR code and URL below for the guidelines.

https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/entrance/graduate/first_outline



(2) For those who have passed the foreign applicants' examination and completed the enrollment procedure, the examination fee for the Virtuoso Course is 20,000 yen. Information for the application will be emailed to the appropriate applicants for further details regarding the application process.

(3) Those who have passed the Virtuoso Course examination after passing the foreign applicants' examination do not need to pay an additional entrance fee. They only need to pay the difference between the tuition for the Instrumental or Vocal Department Course and the Virtuoso Course. For more information on tuition fees, please see "9. Tuition and other fees" in this booklet.

(4) Those who have passed the foreign applicants' examination and completed the enrollment procedure will not have their admission privileges revoked even if they fail the virtuoso course examination in the domestic entrance examination.

CONTACT DETAILS

Place	Contact details	Phone number
Admissions Office	Entrance examinations in general	03-3992-1119
Student Affairs Office	Scholarship, Student residence Flügel	03-3992-1129
Finance & Accounts Department	Tuition, Student residence fees & Other payments	03-3992-1254
Publicity & Information Department	Request for Entrance Examination Guidelines	03-3992-1125

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