

2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
(A BRIEF OVERVIEW)

GRADUATE SCHOOL  
(MASTER'S PROGRAM)

Note: This is a brief overview of the Admissions Guidelines for International Students applying to Musashino Academia Musicae for the 2026 academic year. For full details, please refer to the Japanese version of the Admissions Guidelines for International Students on the website of Musashino Academia Musicae.

[https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/entrance/graduate/first\\_foreign](https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/entrance/graduate/first_foreign)

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

【2026 年度 外国人留学生入学者選抜要項 大学院音楽研究科（修士課程）】  
<https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/application/files/9417/4908/5957/2026.pdf>

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 in this booklet.)

◇ The academic year starts in April 2026.

## 2. Admission Capacity for the Master’s Program

Admission Categories	Admission Capacity
General Admission Selection (Application Periods A and B)	65 students
International Student Admission Selection	

## 3. Eligibility for Application

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 2026.

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 2026.)

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 Department	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 screening
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, along with the essay in Japanese submitted at the time of application, is used to assess whether the applicant's proficiency in Japanese corresponds to Level N2 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

◇Document screening will be conducted based on the documents submitted at the time of application.

## 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 6 and 7, 2025

(3) Examination schedule

Department	Course	Instrument	December 6	December 7
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

◇Details of the examination schedule, including the time of each test, will be provided in the “Examination Instructions,” which will be sent to the email address you registered in the online application system on November 28.

◇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 21 to obtain permission. No changes will be accepted after that.

## 6. Application Procedures

For details on the application procedures, please refer to the Web Application Guide (as included in the Japanese-language *Admissions Guidelines for International Students*).

### (1) Application period, Application Fee, Mailing address

Registration period on the website	[Registration of the application information online] Registrations are accepted from 10:00, Thursday, October 16, to 23:59, Thursday, October 23, 2025.
Application by post	Ensure your applications arrive no later than Saturday, October 25, 2025. They should be postmarked on or after October 16, 2025. ※ 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

Please refer to the section on Application Fee Payment in the Web Application Guide (as included in the Japanese-language *Admissions Guidelines for International Students*).

\*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.

\*Please note: In addition to the application fee, an administrative processing fee will also be charged.

\*Once paid, the application fee is non-refundable.

## **(2) Required Application documents**

### **① Application Form**

Register your information on the Web Application Site and complete the payment of the application fee. Then download and print the application form.

### **② Educational Background and Examination Repertoire Form**

Please download and print the application forms for International Student Admissions to the Graduate School Master's Program from the Web Application Site. All forms must be completed by hand using black indelible ink. The applicant must fill them out personally. The period the form can be downloaded: August 1 to October 23

### **③ Essay in Japanese**

As with the form in ②, please download and print this form from the Web Application Site. Please write, in approximately 800 characters of handwritten Japanese, the reasons why you are applying to the graduate school, your research plan after enrollment, and your future plans after completing your studies. Use black indelible ink and write the statement yourself. Submissions typed or printed by computer will not be accepted.

The period the form can be downloaded: August 1 to October 23

### **④ Piano Accompaniment Scores**

Only applicants majoring in Vocal Music or Music Education (Vocal) who require a piano accompanist assigned by Musashino Academia Musicae for the performance examination

need to submit piano accompaniment scores. (If you bring your own accompanist, submission is not required.)

Please submit clear photocopies of the sheet music, using A4 size (portrait orientation), with each page counted as one page. Bind the scores in a way that allows easy page turning for the accompanist. Do not use thick covers for binding. Write the title of the piece, your name, and your voice type on the front page.

If any special instructions (such as breath marks) are required for the accompanist, write them in red. Do not make any other marks on the scores.

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 **Certificate of Graduation (Completion) or Expected Graduation (Completion)**

**Certificate:**

An original certificate of graduation (or expected graduation) issued by your school, in Japanese or English. If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach a Japanese or English translation prepared by a public institution, such as the school itself, an embassy, or a notary office.

Please note that a diploma or a copy of a diploma will not be accepted as a substitute for the certificate. A degree certificate does not need to be submitted.

If you submit a certificate of expected graduation/completion at the time of application, you must submit a certificate of graduation/completion after receiving an offer of admission.

If you are unable to submit the original certificate of graduation, submit a Certified True Copy of the certificate.

If your school cannot issue a certificate of graduation, submit a Certified True Copy of your diploma.

⑧ **Academic transcript**

An original transcript issued by your school, in Japanese or English.

If the transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach a Japanese or English translation issued by a public institution, such as a school, an embassy, or a notary office.

If you are unable to submit the original transcript, submit a Certified True Copy of the transcript.

### ⑨ **Copy of Passport**

Submit a copy (A4 size) of the page(s) showing your name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, photo, and expiration date.

If you do not have a residence card, submit a copy (A4 size) of the page(s) showing your immigration history in Japan.

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

- If submitting a Residence Card: Provide copies of both the front and back (A4 size).
- If submitting a Certificate of Residence: Submit an original copy issued within three months prior to application, including information on nationality/region, residency status, period of stay, and expiration date.

#### **\*Certified True Copy:**

A Certified True Copy is a document officially verified by a public institution (such as the issuing school, an embassy, a consulate, or a notary public) as an accurate and exact copy of the original.

Documents certified by Japanese language schools or translation agencies are not accepted. Only documents bearing the official seal of the certifying institution will be accepted.

### **Notes on Application**

1. Please send all application documents together by post within the designated application period.

Once submitted, documents will not be returned for any reason.

2. Before submission, make sure that there are no omissions or errors in the documents.
3. Obtaining certificates and creating Certified True Copies at public institutions may take time.

Be sure to prepare documents well in advance so that they arrive by the deadline.

4. Applicants who graduated from educational institutions in China may submit the English-language Academic Qualification Certificate and Academic Transcript Certificate issued by CHSI (China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center) instead of certificates issued by their schools.

In this case, you must request CHSI to send the documents directly by email to the Admissions Office at Musashino Academia Musicae (nyushi@musashino-music.ac.jp) within the application period.

Documents not written in English or forwarded by the applicant will not be accepted.

Please check the CHSI website for details.

Since the issuance of these reports may take time, early preparation is strongly recommended.

5. Applications will not be accepted under any circumstances if all required documents are not submitted by the deadline.

## **7. Announcement of Results**

(1) Date of Announcement: Thursday, December 11, 2025

(2) Results Available: From 16:00, December 11 (Thu) to 16:00, December 13 (Sat)

Please check your result via the "Result Confirmation" section on the Web Application Site.  
Note:

Immediately after the announcement, there may be heavy traffic on the site, which could cause connection issues. If this occurs, please wait a while and try again later.

A result notification will also be sent to the applicant by post. Please note that delivery will take place after the date of mailing.

\*We cannot respond to inquiries regarding results by telephone or other means.

## **8. Enrollment Procedure**

(1) "Enrollment Procedures for International Students in Academic Year 2026" 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 15, 2025, and 15:00, Thursday, December 25, 2025. (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 Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 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"**

#### **About the Residency Status "Student":**

- If you do not currently hold a valid residency status in Japan, you will need to obtain a student visa. Upon request, Musashino Academia Musicae can apply for a Certificate of Eligibility on your behalf. Please note that the issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility may take 2 to 3 months. After receiving the certificate, you must submit the necessary documents, including the letter of acceptance, to the Japanese embassy or consulate in your home country to obtain your student visa.

If the Certificate of Eligibility is issued after April, you will need to enter Japan under a short-term stay visa and return to your home country after issuance to complete the visa procedures.

- If you currently hold a "Student" residency status and need to renew it to enroll at Musashino Academia Musicae, please apply for a residency period extension.



Applications can be made up to three months before the current residency expires.

If your residency expires after April, you must submit a “Notification of Change of Activity Status (Withdrawal)” within 14 days after leaving your current institution (e.g., Japanese language school) and a “Notification of Change of Activity Status (Transfer)” within 14 days after enrolling at Musashino Academia Musicae to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan. These notifications must be submitted by the applicant. Please check details on the Immigration Services Agency’s website.

Please be aware that staying in Japan for more than three months without engaging in activities permitted under the “Student” residency status may result in revocation of your residency status.

- If you hold a residency status other than “Student” (excluding short-term stay) and wish to change it to “Student,” you must apply for a change of residency status. The process may take about one month from application to approval.

Necessary documents and detailed instructions for these procedures will be sent by mail after completing the enrollment procedures.

## 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. Additional Information

- (1) All classes at Musashino Academia Musicae 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

In the International Student Admissions Selection conducted on Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7, applicants who pass with results above a certain standard will be eligible to take the Virtuoso Course Admissions Selection scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2026. A notification regarding the Virtuoso Course Admissions Selection will be enclosed with the acceptance letter issued on December 11 to those who qualify.

(1) If you are applying for the Virtuoso Course, the performance examination requirements are as follows:

① **For applicants to the Instrumental Music Virtuoso Course:**

You must perform the pieces specified for the Instrumental Music Virtuoso Course, as listed on pages 21 to 29 of the “2026 Admissions Guidelines for the Master’s Program (Application Periods A & B), Graduate School of Music, Musashino Academia Musicae.” Please note that pieces required for the standard Instrumental Music Course are excluded.

② **For applicants to the Vocal Music Virtuoso Course:**

You must perform the pieces specified for the Vocal Music Virtuoso Course, as listed on page 29 of the same guidelines. Pieces required for the standard Vocal Music Course are excluded.

**Note:**

- You must select repertoire different from the pieces performed in the International Student Admissions Selection.
- Please carefully review the performance examination requirements in the “2026 Admissions Guidelines for the Master’s Program (Application Periods A & B), Graduate School of Music, Musashino Academia Musicae,” scheduled for release in late June.
- The guidelines will be available at the following URL:

[https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/entrance/graduate/first\\_outline](https://www.musashino-music.ac.jp/entrance/graduate/first_outline)



(2) If you have completed the required enrollment procedure as a successful applicant of the International Student Admissions Selection, the application fee for the Virtuoso Course Admissions Selection will be 20,000 yen. Detailed information regarding application procedures will be sent via email to eligible applicants as the “Virtuoso Course Application Guide.”

(3) If you are admitted to the Virtuoso Course after being accepted through the International Student Admissions Selection, you will not be required to pay the enrollment fee again. However, you must pay the difference in tuition between the course to which you were originally admitted and the Virtuoso Course. For details regarding tuition fees, please refer to the Virtuoso Course section on page 9 of this booklet.

(4) If you have been admitted through the International Student Admissions Selection and have completed the required enrollment procedure, your admission status will not be revoked even if you are not accepted into the Virtuoso Course.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Place	Contact details	Phone number
Admissions Office	General Information on Admissions Selection	03-3992-1119
Student and Career Support Office	Scholarship	03-3992-1129
Finance and Accounting Office	Tuition & Other payments	03-3992-1254
Publicity Relations Office	Request for Admissions Guidelines	03-3992-1125

## Musashino Academia Musicae Graduate School

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