

2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
(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 2027 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

The full Japanese version is available in the PDF below.

【2027 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/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/graduate-international_2027.pdf

MUSASHINO ACADEMIA MUSICAE

1. Courses Available

Department	Course		Instrument
Instrumental Music	Instrumental Music Course	Keyboard Instruments	piano, organ
		Wind Instruments	flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba
		Percussion Instruments	marimba, percussion
		String Instruments	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 page 9 in this booklet.)

◇ The academic year starts in April 2027.

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

Applicants must meet all four of the following requirements.

(1) Non-Japanese nationality. However, non-Japanese nationals residing in Japan with Permanent Resident status 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 2027.

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 2027.)

③ They are recognized as having 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 have sufficient Japanese language ability to study and conduct research at the graduate school. All teaching is done in Japanese, and the master’s thesis must also be written in Japanese.

4. Examination Subjects

Subjects marked ○ are compulsory.

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

Note: *Sight-reading is required only for the Piano Collaborative Arts Course.

The interview and the Japanese essay submitted at the time of application are used to assess whether the applicant's Japanese proficiency meets Level N2 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

◇ Document screening is 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, November 14 and 15, 2026

(3) Examination schedule

Department	Course	Instrument	November 14 (Sat)	November 15 (Sun)
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 in major	Basic harmony, Oral examination, Interview
Music Education			Performance, Written exam in major	Basic harmony, Oral examination, Interview

◇Details of the examination schedule, including the time of each test, will be provided in the “Examination Instructions,” sent on November 6 to your email address registered during online application.

◇Accompanists / Co-performers

- ① When accompaniment is necessary, only the piano is acceptable.
- ② Musashino will provide accompanists for applicants who take a vocal performance test. However, applicants may each bring their own accompanist if they prefer. In such cases, Musashino faculty or staff members may not serve as accompanists.
- ③ Applicants for instrumental performance tests must arrange their own accompanist when performing a piece with piano accompaniment. However, in such cases, Musashino faculty or staff members may not serve as accompanists.
- ④ Applicants for Piano Collaborative Arts Course must each provide their own co-performer for their performance examination. Musashino faculty or staff members may not serve as co-performers.
- ⑤ If the accompanist or co-performer needs to be changed for unavoidable reasons, you must request permission from the Admissions Office by 16:50, Friday, October 30. Changes made after these deadlines will not be accepted in principle.

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, etc.

Application period

- Online Application Registration Period:
From 10:00, Wednesday, October 7, 2026
To 23:59, Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- Application Documents Submission Period (by mail only):
Documents must be postmarked on or after Wednesday, October 7, 2026, and must arrive by Friday, October 16, 2026.

Note: When mailing from within Japan, please use Letter Pack Light.

When mailing from outside Japan, please use EMS (Express Mail Service).

Mailing Address for Application Documents

Admissions Office

Academic Affairs Department, Musashino Academia Musicae:

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

Phone +81-3-3992-1119 (Direct)

Application process

- ① Prepare the documents to submit (certificates, essay, etc.)
- ② Enter the applicant's basic information on the Web Application Site.
- ③ Upload a face photo and enter the application information.
- ④ Submit the application fee.
- ⑤ Print, complete, and submit the documents by mail.

Application Fee

Application fee: ¥40,000

Please refer to the “Application Fee” section in the Web Application Guide (as found in the Japanese-language *Admissions Guidelines for International Students*).

* Please choose one of the following payment methods: credit card, convenience store, or Pay-easy. Note that applicants applying from outside Japan must pay by credit card.

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

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

(2) Required 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

Download and print the application forms for International Student Admissions to the Graduate School Master's Program from the Web Application Site. Fill out the form by hand using a non-erasable black ballpoint pen. The applicant must complete the form in their own handwriting.

Download period: August 1 to October 14

③ Essay in Japanese

As with the form in ②, download and print this form from the Web Application Site. Write an essay of approximately 800 characters in Japanese by hand, using a non-erasable black ballpoint pen. Essays prepared using a computer cannot be accepted. The essay should describe your reason for applying to the graduate school, your research proposal, and your plans after completing your studies in Japan.

*This essay must not be generated using AI. If AI generation is detected, your application may be disqualified.

④ Piano Accompaniment Scores

Applicants majoring in Vocal Music or Music Education (Vocal) who require a piano accompanist assigned by Musashino Academia Musicae must submit piano accompaniment scores for the examination. (If you bring your own accompanist, submission is not required.)

Please follow the guidelines below for submission:

- Submit clear photocopies of the music scores, using A4 size (portrait orientation) for each page.
- The scores should be bound so that pages can be turned easily.
- Do not mount the scores on thick cardboard.
- On the cover page, write the title of the piece, your name, and vocal range.
- If there are special performance instructions for the accompanist (e.g., breath marks), write them in red ink.
- No markings other than accompanist instructions are permitted.

⑤ **Composition score, etc.**

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

⑥ **Short 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**

An original certificate 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, 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 is not necessary.

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, status of residence, 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. Send all application documents together by mail 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

- Date of Announcement: Wednesday, November 18, 2026

• Results Available: From 16:00, November 18 (Wed) to 16:00, November 20 (Fri)
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 mail. Please note that postal delivery may take a few days after mailing.

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

8. Enrollment Procedure

(1) “2027 Enrollment Procedures for International Students” will be sent to all successful applicants. It includes information regarding the payment of the tuition and other fees. Payment must be made between Tuesday, November 24, 2026, and 15:00, Tuesday, December 1, 2026. (In case the payment is not made by the above-indicated deadline, the approval of admission will be canceled.)

(2) Tuition and facility fees may be paid in two installments: first and second semesters.

(3) Once paid, tuition and fees will not be refunded in principle. However, if a written “Notice of Withdrawal from Admission” (format not specified) is received by Wednesday, March 31, 2027, tuition and fees excluding the admission fee will be refunded.

(4) Admitted students must promptly obtain or change their status of residence to “Student” and complete the prescribed enrollment procedures by the time of enrollment. A “Student” status of residence is required to apply for scholarships designated by Musashino Academia Musicae.

About the “Student” Status of Residence:

If you do not currently hold a valid status of residence 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.

Please note that even if you are unable to arrive before the start of classes, no partial refund of tuition will be provided, nor will any special accommodations be made for absences.

If you currently hold a “Student” status of residence 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 period of stay expires after April, you must submit two separate notifications to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan. First, submit a “Notification of Change of Activity Status (Withdrawal)” within 14 days after leaving your current educational institution (e.g., a Japanese language school). Then, submit a “Notification of Change of Activity Status (Transfer)” within 14 days after enrolling at Musashino Academia Musicae. Both 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” status of residence may result in revocation of your status of residence.

If you hold a status of residence other than “Student” (excluding short-term stay) and wish to change it to “Student,” you must apply for a change of status of residence. 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.

If Your Visa Application Is Denied

As visa application screenings are conducted by the Ministry of Justice, if your application is denied or no status of residence is issued, you will not be permitted to study at this university, and your admission will be revoked as of March 31, 2027. The university assumes no responsibility for the screening period or its outcome.

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

*Please note in advance that the above fees are subject to change in subsequent academic years while you are enrolled.

10. Additional Information

- (1) All classes at Musashino Academia Musicae are taught in Japanese.
- (2) Musashino Academia Musicae offers “The Fukui Naoaki Memorial Scholarship” (for 2nd-year master's students), awarded to those students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement, character, and a strong desire to learn. Additionally, there is a “Student Life Support Fund for International Students” to assist all international students.
- (3) If application documents contain false statements, the admission offer will be revoked.

Application for the Virtuoso Course

In the International Student Admission Selection conducted on Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15, applicants who pass with results above a certain standard will be eligible to take the Virtuoso Course Admission Selection scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2027. A notification regarding this selection will be enclosed with the acceptance letter issued on November 18 to 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 Department of Instrumental Music are required to play the virtuoso course assignments on pages 21-29 of the “2027 Graduate School Admissions Guidelines for the Master’s Program (Application Periods A & B)”. Assignments for non-virtuoso courses are excluded.

② The applicants for the Virtuoso Course of the Vocal Music Major are required to sing the virtuoso course assignments on page 29 of the 2027 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 carefully review the performance examination requirements in the “2026 Admissions Guidelines for the Master’s Program (Application Periods A & B).
- The guidelines will be available at the following URL:

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 Admission Selection, the application fee for the Virtuoso Course Admission Selection will be ¥20,000. 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 Admission 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 8 of this booklet.

(4) If you have been admitted through the International Student Admission 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, Academic Affairs Division	General Information on Admissions	03-3992-1119
Student & Career Services Division	Scholarship	03-3992-1129
Finance & Accounting Division	Tuition and other payments	03-3992-1254
Publicity & Information Department	Request for Admissions Guidelines	03-3992-1125

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