



FAQ' S – FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS

APPLICATION TO HMDK STUTT GART

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?

An **application** for a place of study for the **winter semester** is possible from March to April (start of studies in October), and for the **summer semester** from October to November (start of studies in March) each year. The exact application periods are also announced on the [website](#).

Applications must be submitted exclusively via the HMDK Stuttgart [online portal](#). The application portal is only open during these periods.

WHEN DO THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS TAKE PLACE?

As soon as the dates have been finalized, we will publish the exact **dates for the entrance examinations on our [website](#)**. Please also refer to your **invitation letter** for the date, time, and room of your entrance examination.

Our website will also provide information on whether there will be an initial video round or whether the entrance examination will take place exclusively in person.

WHAT REPERTOIRE IS REQUIRED FOR THE VIDEO AND/OR IN-PERSON ROUND?

You can find the requirements for the video pre-selection and in-person examinations, as well as the contact persons for the degree programs, on our website under “Entrance Examination” for the degree program of your choice. For example: “Studies” → “Degree Programs” → “Piano” → “Entrance Examination.”

For questions regarding subject-specific content or repertoire, please contact the relevant department. Their contact details can also be found on the degree program pages mentioned above. For all organizational questions, please contact aufnahmepruefung@hmdk-stuttgart.de.

I MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. WHAT CAN I DO?

Unfortunately, applications are no longer possible after the application deadline has passed. You are welcome to apply for the following semester, taking the respective deadlines into account.

APPLICANT ACCOUNT

Please create only ONE applicant account. If you create multiple accounts, you will be blocked by the system and will not be able to submit an application.

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR WHICH DEGREE PROGRAM?

Admission for the winter semester only:

- Bachelor's and Master's in Jazz & Pop
- Bachelor's and Master's in Orchestral Conducting
- Bachelor's in Puppetry Theatre
- Bachelor's in Speech Training / Speech Arts
- Master's in Media Speaking
- Master's in Applied Rhetoric and Communication
- Master's in Speech Arts
- Bachelor's in Elementary Music Education
- Supplementary Studies in Elementary Music Education
- Master's in Instrumental and Vocal Pedagogy
- Master's in Theory and Practice of Experimental Performance
- Master's in New Music Ensemble Conducting
- Continuing Education Master's programs (Wind Orchestra Conducting, Instrumental and Vocal Pedagogy)

Admission for the summer semester only:

- Bachelor's in Acting

CAN I SEND MY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL?

No. Application documents sent by email will not be processed.

Please upload all required documents as part of your online application during the application period via the application portal.

It is no longer possible to submit application documents by post in paper form!

WHICH DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?

The following documents have to be uploaded as required in the application portal:

- **a tabular CV** (in bullet points!) including your contact details, information on your school-leaving qualification, studies (start and end dates), and practical experience
- **proof of payment** of the processing fee of €50 per application
- **a certified copy of your higher education entrance qualification** (usually your Abitur certificate). If you will only obtain your Abitur after the application period, we require a current school certificate (the Abitur certificate must be submitted no later than the time of enrollment)



- if you do not have a higher education entrance qualification, please upload proof of your **highest school-leaving qualification** nevertheless
- applicants who cannot provide proof of the general higher education entrance qualification (allgemeine Hochschulreife) must submit a **declaration stating that, pursuant to § 58 (7) LHG, they will take the aptitude examination (Begabtenprüfung)** for admission to HMDK Stuttgart
- applicants for a Master's degree program must submit a **certified copy of their Bachelor's degree certificate**. If the certificate is not yet available, please submit a current **transcript of records** and a **declaration** that the Bachelor's degree certificate (or certificate of completion of the final examination) **will be submitted** before enrollment
- in the case of a transfer from another higher education institution, a **transcript of records** showing the studies completed to date
- applicants for the Puppetry Theatre (Figurentheater) degree program: an **“medical certificate regarding the physical and vocal requirements for practicing the profession of puppetry theatre performer”**. A phoniatic examination is not required
- applicants for the Acting (Schauspiel) and Speech Training / Speech Arts (Sprecherziehung/Sprechkunst) degree programs: a **phoniatic examination or physical health certificate is NOT required at the time of application**
- minors: a **declaration of consent from their legal guardians**
- Chinese and Indian applicants: a **current APS certificate from the German Embassy**. Applicants who are already in Germany must also provide an APS certificate issued by the German Embassy
- Internal applicants (Hausbewerber): please submit only proof of payment

ARE YOU ALREADY STUDYING AT HMDK (INTERNAL APPLICANT)?

Even in this case, you must apply for a new degree program via the student portal and pay the application fee of €50.

Please do not create a new applicant account! Log in using your existing credentials. Please submit only the application form “Application for a place of study ...” and proof of payment, as all other required documents are already on file.

CAN YOU STUDY AT HMDK STUTTGART WITHOUT AN ABITUR?

Yes, provided that you take an aptitude examination (Begabtenprüfung) for admission to the State University of Music and the Performing Arts Stuttgart (pursuant to § 58 (7) LHG). **This does not apply to the Bachelor's degree program in Teaching at Grammar Schools (Lehramt Gymnasium)**. In general, admission to a degree program requires passing the entrance examination. If the entrance examination is passed, the Admissions Committee decides on the allocation of study places.



WILL AN ACCOMPANIST/CORREPETITOR BE PROVIDED FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?

Yes, experienced accompanists/correpetitors will be provided by the university. There is no need to submit or provide the piano scores in advance. **Please bring your examination repertoire with you on the day of the entrance examination. For reasons of comparability, applicants may not bring their own external accompanists/correpetitors.**

WHAT LANGUAGE IS USED AT HMDK STUTTGART?

All courses are taught in German.

CAN I APPLY FOR MULTIPLE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE SAME TIME?

Yes. However, after successfully passing the entrance examinations for the individual degree programs, the Rectorate will decide on an individual basis whether the applicant will be admitted to both degree programs. The application fee of €50 is charged per degree program (2 applications = $2 \times €50$).

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMINATIONS IN THE COMPULSORY THEORETICAL SUBJECTS OF MUSIC THEORY AND EAR TRAINING?

[Here](#) you can find sample tests for the examinations in Music Theory and Ear Training.

HOW CAN I WITHDRAW FROM THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION? WILL THE EXAMINATION THEN BE CONSIDERED “FAILED”?

You can withdraw by email (aufnahmepreufung@hmdk-stuttgart.de) no later than 24 hours before the examination, stating your applicant number (which is automatically assigned to you after registering in the online portal).

Withdrawal on the day of the examination will only be accepted with a medical certificate. Properly withdrawing from the examination will not be considered a “failed” attempt, and you may participate in the entrance examination two more times afterward.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?

You may apply for the same degree program twice.

DO I HAVE TO INDICATE A PREFERRED TEACHER?

No, you do not need to indicate a preferred teacher.



CAN I CHANGE OR ADD A PREFERRED TEACHER AT A LATER DATE?

Yes, please send a written notification to the Examination Office / Student Affairs Office.

DOES THE UNIVERSITY OFFER PREPARATORY COURSES FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?

The university offers a one-day preparatory course ("Entrance Examination Check") for the entrance examination. Prior registration is required. Further information about the preparatory course can be found [here](#).

WHAT DOES "REPERTOIRE LIST" MEAN ON THE APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION TO THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?

For applications to the **Concert Examination (Konzertexamen)** degree program, submitting a repertoire list is required. The repertoire list is an overview of all works you have performed throughout your musical career. Please bring your repertoire list with you on the day of your examination.

QUESTIONS ABOUT LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

WHICH PROOF OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IS REQUIRED?

The following proof of German language proficiency is required for applicants who did not obtain their higher education entrance qualification (school-leaving certificate, e.g. Abitur) at a German-speaking institution:

- For a **Bachelor's degree and Master's degree**: German language course at **B2.2 level** (to be submitted by the end of the 1st semester at the latest). Please arrange a language course in good time, as places are limited!
- For the **Master's degree in Music Education Research**: German language course at **C2 level**

BY WHEN MUST THE LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE BE SUBMITTED?

The language certificate should be submitted with the application documents for the entrance examination, but no later than the end of the first semester.

WHERE CAN I TAKE A GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE?

VESPA, the Association for Language Affairs, is a cooperation between the Stuttgart Media University, Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences, the State Academy of Fine Arts Stuttgart,



and the State University of Music and the Performing Arts Stuttgart. Its aim is to provide joint, cross-university language instruction.

VESPA offers various German courses at different language levels (A1–C1). There are intensive courses that take place before the start of the semester, as well as semester-long courses that take place during the semester.

For questions regarding the content or organization of the German courses, please contact VESPA directly by email: vespa@hft-stuttgart.de.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT COSTS

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY?

Students are required to pay the applicable semester fee and, where applicable, tuition fees. The semester fee consists of an administration fee and a contribution to the Studierendenwerk (Student Services).

Since the winter semester 2017/18, Baden-Württemberg has charged tuition fees for international students (students from outside the EU) as well as fees for students pursuing a second degree. Please refer to the following link for further information:

<https://mwk.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/hochschulen-studium/studium/studienfinanzierung/gebuehren-fuer-internationale-studierende-und-zweitstudium/>

You can find the current breakdown of the semester fee and detailed information on tuition fees [here](#).

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PREPARATORY PROGRAM (VORSTUDIUM) AND A BRIDGE PROGRAM (BRIDGESTUDIUM)?

A **preparatory program (Vorstudium)** is completed **alongside regular school education**. The entrance examination consists only of an audition on the main instrument (no general examination components such as Music Theory, Ear Training, or Piano).

The preparatory program is only intended for students attending a school in Germany.



The **Bridge Program (Bridgestudium)** can be taken **directly after completing school, for one semester**. If you are not yet ready for the Bachelor's degree, this program gives you the opportunity to prepare for the Bachelor's program for one semester. Here, too, the entrance examination consists only of an audition on the main instrument (no general examination components such as Music Theory, Ear Training, or Piano).

Both the preparatory program and the Bridge Program cost **€500 per semester**. This includes **individual instruction in the main subject**. Additional piano lessons can be booked for **€150 per semester**, subject to availability and by prior arrangement with the Examination Office.

