



Information on the application procedure for a place
at the Nuremberg University of Music

The Nuremberg University of Music was established in 2008 as Bavaria's third state run University of Music. It is also the youngest of its kind in Germany.

The University is situated on the beautiful Wöhrder See Lake, approximately 10 minutes from the city centre. An international staff of more than 150 professors, lecturers and teachers are committed to our student's success and their well-being. In an almost familial environment, classical music is studied side by side with jazz, and students of modern instruments can also benefit from the knowledge gained in the performance of early music. A well-stocked library and a newly equipped recording studio are available to all students and teachers.

The Bachelor and Master degree programmes are organized around one of two career paths:
Artistic performance or.

Courses are offered in all orchestral instruments, singing, piano, organ, guitar and accordion, as well as in orchestral conducting, choral conducting, elementary music education, jazz, early instruments/early music and music teaching.

If you wish to apply for a place at the Nuremberg University of Music for the coming winter semester, please be aware that applications must be submitted by **15th March** of the relevant year. The following documents are required:

- completed form "Application for Aptitude Test"
- proof of payment for the aptitude test fee
- copy of a valid identity card or passport
- one passport photograph
- for applicants from outside Germany: proof of German knowledge required for the desired programme (diploma, certificate etc.):
 - Master in Performance Training = level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
 - Exception: Master in piano accompaniment: voice = level B2 CEFR
 - Bachelor in Performance Training = level B2 CEFR
 - Bachelor in Performance and Teacher Training and Master in Music Education = level C1 CEFR

Please note: foreign documents must be submitted as officially certified copies

Applicants may also be accepted if they have received a language certificate for one level below the required and have enrolled in a language course for the required level. It is also acceptable if applicants can prove they have completed a language course for the required level and merely need to take the final certificate examination.

In either case, applicants will need to submit a language certificate for the required CEFR level of the by the time they enrol. Without this certificate, the student cannot enrol (Bavarian Higher Education Act article 42 (1) – Art. 42 Abs. I Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, www.gesetze-bayern.de/Content/Document/BayHSchG-42?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1).

Applicants from People's Republic of China must submit certification by the Academic Inspection Service of the German Embassy in Beijing which confirms the authenticity of the applicant's university documents.

For **Master Degree Courses**, applicants must also provide proof of a university degree or other equivalent qualification.

The aptitude tests listed below are held at the University of Music between **mid-May and early June** for all **Bachelor degree students** in the following subjects: **Main artistic subject, music theory and ear training.**

Artistic trained students must also test in **piano (compulsory test).**

Music education students must test in **practical piano playing** and in **group teaching.**

For the **Master Degree Courses**, students are generally only tested in their **main artistic subject** (for exceptions, see below).

Further specific requirements (works to be performed, theory tests etc.) can be found at <http://www.hfm-nuernberg.de/studium-und-lehre/zulassung/> and in the qualification regulations, articles 15 – 20 (QualS, http://www.hfm-nuernberg.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Text-Pool/Satzungen/QualS.pdf)

Candidates who pass the aptitude test will receive a **notification of admission**. This letter asks you to officially accept the place in the degree programme within a specified time period.

Upon **enrolment**, which takes place in the last two weeks of September, you then become a student of the Nuremberg University of Music.