

# Details of the entrance exam



Dear Applicant!

With this information we would like to help you prepare for the entrance examination at VMI. If you still have questions afterwards, please feel free to contact us at any time.

**Your motivation:** An important aspect is your motivation to successfully complete a music degree. Therefore, before registering for the entrance exam, make sure that you not only want to deepen a passion, but that you want to pursue a professional career in the music industry.

**Your previous experience:** In addition to motivation, your prior knowledge is the most important factor in being accepted into a VMI degree program. To determine this, we will conduct a review of your practical skills and theoretical knowledge, which may be supplemented by an interview.

**Your practical skills:** To assess your motivation and practical skills, we need some videos from you. The videos can be professionally produced or simply made with a regular smartphone. Make sure that you are clearly recognizable on the videos (for music productions, please record yourself explaining your work on the computer). Depending on the intended course of study, we require the following videos:

- a) 1 motivation video: For all degree programs;
- b) 2 music videos: For all vocal, instrumental and songwriting studies;
- c) 2 Music Productions: For Music Production and Electronic Music & Sound Design;
- d) 2 Original Compositions: For Composition and Composition Pedagogy (alternatively, upload scores);

**Your Videos:** Upload your videos to YouTube and include your YouTube links in your online application (if necessary, you may submit your links later). If you don't have your own YouTube channel yet, this is the best time to create one. It is very easy to create and can be done in a few steps for free:

1. Log in to YouTube through your browser;
2. Perform an action that requires a channel (e.g. upload video, post comment or create playlist);
3. If you don't have your own channel yet, a prompt to create one will now appear;
4. Check if the details are correct (e.g. the name of your Google account) and confirm your creation of a new channel;
5. After that, select the "Public" or "Unlisted" option to make sure we have access to your videos.

**Your theoretical knowledge:** To test your theoretical knowledge, we will conduct an online test with you lasting approximately 30-45 minutes. You will be presented with various audio examples and music theory questions that can be solved using multiple-choice answers. Since there are different requirements for the various courses of study, and since motivation and practical skills in particular are decisive for obtaining a place at university, not all test examples have to be solved without error in order to be accepted at the VMI. Examples of the online test can be found on the next page.

# Online test examples



**Examples for the listening test:** Various listening examples are played, which can be solved by means of multiple-choice answers. The examples refer to the entrance examination for various courses of study, so not all test examples are solved correctly.

Question 01	What do you hear?	Ascending tone	Descending tone	Consistent tone
Question 02	What do you hear?	Dissonant sound	Consonant sound	Neither
Question 03	What do you hear?	Ascending dynamics	Descending dynamics	Constant dynamics
Question 04	What do you hear?	Rock beat	Jazz phrasing	Reggae groove
Question 05	What do you hear?	Half notes and quarter notes	Eighth notes and triplets	Neither of them
Question 06	What do you hear?	Major second	Minor third	Major third
Question 07	What do you hear?	2 major triads	2 minor triads	1 minor and 1 major triad
Question 08	What do you hear?	Minor triad	Major triad	Augmented triad
Question 09	What do you hear?	Minor7 chord	Dominant7 chord	Major7 chord
Question 10	What do you hear?	Two-part melody	Three-part melody	Four-part melody

**Examples of the theory test:** Various questions are asked which can be solved by means of multiple-choice answers. The examples refer to the entrance examination for various courses of study, so not all test examples are solved correctly.

Frage 01	What music is assigned to the category of serious music?	Classical Music	Pop Music	Electronic Music
Frage 02	What are the cadences that make up a blues?	I - II - III	I - II - IV	I - IV - V
Frage 03	What is the minor parallel of F major?	D minor	E minor	F minor
Frage 04	Who secures the rights to musical compositions?	Music producer	music publisher	music store
Frage 05	What are the abbreviations for publishing rights organizations?	AKM + GEMA	AKG + GAMMA	ATV + GVT
Frage 06	What is a Compressor?	Filter effect	Dynamic processor	Tube amplifier
Frage 07	Which frequency range describes so-called "treble"?	300-900 Hz	8-10 KHz	800-1000 KHz
Frage 08	What is the key signature of the key of E major?	F# - C#	F# - C# - G#	F# - C# - G# - D#
Frage 09	What is the subdominant of Abmaj7 called?	Gbmaj7	Dbmaj7	Ebmaj7
Frage 10	What is MIDI?	Digital interface	Series of sound banks	Synthesized sounds

**Examination result:** After the evaluation of the online test and your videos, you will usually receive the result of your entrance examination within a few days. If the result is positive, you can then enroll and start your studies at VMI at the beginning of the next possible semester.

**Persons from third countries:** If you have a citizenship outside the European Union or do not have a valid residence permit for Austria, you will first receive a notice of admission after passing the entrance exam, which you can use to apply for a visa. You will find more information on the next page.

# Persons from third countries



**Information for non-EU citizens:** Registration for the entrance examination is also possible at any time for persons from third countries (non-EU citizens) without a valid residence title (visa). However, a longer period of time must be planned for the issuance of a valid residence title. As a rule, several months pass between the issuance of an admission notice by the VMI after passing the entrance examination and the receipt of a residence title by the responsible authorities.

In the following overview, we have listed the necessary steps for admission to the VMI for persons from third countries:

- 1. Registration:** An online registration for the entrance examination can be made by persons from third countries even without a valid residence title.
- 2. Entrance examination:** Regardless of citizenship, passing an entrance examination is required to obtain a place at the VMI.
- 3. Admission notice:** After passing the entrance examination, persons from third countries without a valid residence title receive an admission notice with which they can apply to the authorities for the issuance of a residence title.
- 4. Enrollment:** After a valid residence permit has been submitted, persons from third countries can also enroll at the VMI.
- 5. Start of studies:** after completing the above-mentioned points, persons from third countries can commence their studies at the VMI at the beginning of the next possible semester.

We hope that we have been helpful to you with this information and are available for further information at any time.

With best wishes for a successful entrance examination!

Your VMI Team