

Academic Year 2026

Entrance Examination Application Guidelines

**International Admissions
(Extract)**

Tokyo College of Music

1. Applicable Majors and Number of Students to be Admitted

Department of Music, Faculty of Music, Tokyo College of Music		
Applicable Major	Course and Instrument	No. of Students
Vocal Music Major	● Vocal Music	A small number of students
Instrumental Major	● Piano, Pianist Performance Course, Creation and Piano Performance Course, Harpsichord, Organ	
	● Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Classical Guitar	
	● Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone	
	● Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium	
Composer and Conductor Major	● Percussion	
	● Composition (Artistic Music Course)	
	● Composition (Music Media Course)	
	● Conducting	
Music Culture and Education Major		
Music Liberal-Arts Major		
Wind Band Major		
Music Business and Technology Major		

2. Application Eligibility

Applicants must meet one of criteria 1 to 3, as well as meet both criteria 4 and 5.

No.	Spring Admission (all majors)	Fall Admission (Music Liberal-Arts Major only)
1.	Have completed or will complete 12 years of school education abroad by March 2026, or have been certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan to have equivalent academic abilities	Have completed or will complete 12 years of school education abroad by September 30, 2026, or have been certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan to have equivalent academic abilities
2.	Possesses or will possess a foreign qualification for admission to university such as the International Baccalaureate, Abitur, Baccalaureate, GCE A level/International A level (each with a grade of E or higher in three or more subjects), or a European Baccalaureate by March 31, 2026	Possesses or will possess a foreign qualification for admission to university such as the International Baccalaureate, Abitur, Baccalaureate, GCE A level/International A level (each with a grade of E or higher in three or more subjects), or a European Baccalaureate by September 30, 2026
3.	Have completed or will complete a 12-year curriculum at an educational institution accredited by an international certification organization (WASC, CIS, ACSI, NEASC, Cognia) by March 31, 2026	Have completed or will complete a 12-year curriculum at an educational institution accredited by an international certification organization (WASC, CIS, ACSI, NEASC, Cognia) by September 30, 2026
4.	Have a foreign nationality	
5.	Have a "Student" visa at the time of enrollment or a visa that allows for long-term stay (except for "Permanent Resident" visa)	

* Other than the above, those with a foreign nationality must meet the following criteria 6 if applying for Vocal Music Major, Instrumental Major, Composer and Conductor Major, Music Culture and Education Major, Wind Band Major, or Music Business and Technology Major.

6. Applicants must have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the level of N2 or higher, or have obtained 200 points or higher in the “Japanese as Foreign Language” section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Reading Comprehension, Listening Comprehension and Listening-Reading Comprehension only; writing is not required) at the time of application.

* You may not apply to multiple majors at the same time.

* Applicants for the Music Liberal-Arts Major do not need to have a certificate of Japanese language proficiency as specified in “Application Eligibility 6” at the time of application. However, it is necessary to have sufficient Japanese proficiency to take classes and to live as a student at a Japanese university. By the time of enrollment, students must strive to obtain N2 or higher on the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or 200 points or higher in the “Japanese as a Foreign Language” section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Reading Comprehension, Listening Comprehension and Listening-Reading Comprehension only; writing is not required).

* Applicants cannot apply for more than one of the following entrance examinations in the same year: Comprehensive Selection, Comprehensive Selection for Instrumental Excellence, Designated School Recommendation Admission, Admission for Applicants over 25, International Admissions.

3. Application Requirements *Music Liberal-Arts Major only

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria.

An original certificate must be submitted at the time of application.

- Cambridge English Test 140 or higher
- EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency Grade 2 or higher
- GTEC (excluding assessment version) 960 or higher (obtained by the end of March 2023) / 930 or higher (obtained in or after April 2023)
- IELTS 4.5 or higher
- TEAP 225 or higher
- TEAP CBT 420 or higher
- TOEFL iBT® 52 or higher
- TOEIC® (L&R/S&W) 1150 or higher (public test only) *
- TOEIC Bridge® (L&R/S&W) 170 or higher (public test only) *
- Those who have received secondary or higher education primarily in English for the past three or more years, either in Japan or overseas
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma holders
- SAT Qualification (registration code number for Tokyo College of Music is 7804)

*For TOEIC and TOEIC Bridge (L&R/S&W), multiply the S&W score by 2.5 and add together.

4. Examination Fee

Please complete the payment procedure on the online application site during the application period. Upon completion of payment, a payment confirmation will be sent to the applicant by email.

Major	Course and Instrument	Examination Fee
Vocal Music Major	● Vocal Music	38,000 JPY
Instrumental Major	● Piano, Pianist Performance Course, Creation and Piano Performance Course, Harpsichord, Organ	
	● Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Classical Guitar	
	● Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone	
	● Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium	
	● Percussion	
Composer and Conductor Major	● Composition (Artistic Music Course) ● Composition (Music Media Course) ● Conducting	10,000 JPY
Music Culture and Education Major		
Music Liberal-Arts Major		
Wind Band Major		
Music Business and Technology Major		

5. Schedule

- The details of the examination venue and schedule will be sent by email at least three days before the first day of the test.
Please refrain from making inquiries about the test date, time, and venue by phone or email.
- The results will be announced on the online application site. Inquiries by phone or email will not be accepted.

[Spring Admission]

Major	All majors
Application Period	September 5, 2025 (Fri)–September 12, 2025 (Fri) Postmark Deadline
Examination Period	October 3, 2025 (Fri)–October 5, 2025 (Sun)
Announcement of Results	November 1, 2025 (Sat) 15:00–November 3, 2025 (Mon) 17:00
Admission Procedure Period	November 4, 2025 (Tue)–November 11, 2025 (Tue) Postmark Deadline

[Fall Admission]

Major	Music Liberal-Arts Major (Schedule A)	Music Liberal-Arts Major (Schedule B)
Application Period	January 6, 2026 (Tue)–January 17, 2026 (Sat) Postmark Deadline	February 28, 2026 (Sat)–March 6, 2026 (Fri) Postmark Deadline
Examination Period	February 16, 2026 (Mon)–February 20, 2026 (Fri)	March 17, 2026 (Tue)–March 18, 2026 (Wed)
Announcement of Results	February 27, 2026 (Fri) 15:00–March 1, 2026 (Sun) 17:00	March 19, 2026 (Thu) 15:00–March 21, 2026 (Sat) 17:00
Admission Procedure Period	February 28, 2026 (Sat)–March 6, 2026 (Fri) Postmark Deadline	March 20, 2026 (Fri)–March 25, 2026 (Wed) Postmark Deadline

6. Application Procedures

(1) How to Apply

Only online applications are accepted. Please visit the “Application Guide” (出願ガイド) website below, which is also found on the college’s Japanese website under “Entrance Examination Information (Undergraduate Programs)” (入試案内 (学部)), and then follow the steps described in “Registration of Application Information” (出願情報の登録) to apply.

* Your application is complete once you have sent your application documents by post.

Please see the links below for our Application Guide and application documents.

Application Guide (出願ガイド)

<https://www.tokyo-ondai.ac.jp/webentry/>



(2) List of Documents to be Submitted

Send the following documents by Letter Pack Light (a service by Japan Post), attaching the mailing label to it or by a trackable express mailing service. Applicants residing outside Japan may also send a scanned copy of their application documents by email in advance if there is a possibility that the documents will not arrive in time. Please note, however, that we cannot accept the submission of application documents by email only.

Contact email: nyushi@tokyo-ondai.ac.jp

Please download and print application documents from “A. Online Application Site” or “B. Download Application Documents.”

(Access from “Online Application Site” in the “Application Guideline”)

A. Online Application Site (Web 出願サイト)
(user registration, registration of application information,
printing of application forms and mailing label)
<https://lsg.mescius.com/tokyo-ondai/App/Account/login>



B. Download Application Documents (出願書類ダウンロードページ)
<https://www.tokyo-ondai.ac.jp/information/37540.php>



Application documents to be submitted		
1	Application form	Please print them from "A. Online Application Site" above.
2	Mailing label (for the Japan Post Letter Pack service)	
3	Program sheet (main practical exam)	Please print them from "B. Download Application Documents" above. Select the forms for <u>International Admissions</u> (外国人留学生選抜).
4	Program sheet (piano minor exam)	
5	Personal Data Sheet	
6	Curriculum vitae (C.V.)	
7	Letter of consent	
8	Application document checklist	
9	Performance video	
10	High school graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation)	
11	High school transcript	
12	Copy of passport	
13	Copy of Certificate of Residence in Japan or residence card	
14	Certificate of Japanese proficiency	
15	Certificate of English qualification	
16	Accompaniment score	
17	Original music score	
18	Copy of Certification Examination Certificate	

[Notes]

- * If applicants have any certificates or documents written in a foreign language (other than English), please attach a Japanese or English translation and a notarized document. We only accept notarized documents issued by public institutions such as embassies. Please refer to "(3) Notes on Submitting Graduation Certificates and Academic Transcripts" for information on how to submit your certificates.
- * We do not permit changes to the documents after the application has been submitted. In addition, we will not return the submitted documents and examination fee. However, if there is a change in your address, name, or phone number, please contact Admissions immediately.
- * Please be aware that we do not accept any additional or missing documents submitted after the application period.

(3) Notes on Submitting Graduation Certificates and Academic Transcripts

① Those who graduated from high school in China

[Graduation Certificate]

- Please submit an English "Verification Report of China Secondary Education Qualification Certificate" issued by the Center for Student Services and Development or the Japan Representative Office of the Center for Student Services and Development (<http://www.chsi.jp/>).
- Certificates issued by high schools and their translations are not accepted as application documents.
- Please make sure to have the "Verification Report of China Secondary Education Qualification Certificate" sent directly by email from CHSI to "nyushi@tokyo-ondai.ac.jp". Verification reports in languages other than English will be invalid. Certificates received by the applicant and then forwarded to the college will also be invalid.
- Please note that applications may not be accepted if the required documents cannot be submitted in time due to issuance delays by the certification body. As it generally takes about one month for the certificates to be issued, applicants are strongly advised to start preparations well in advance.
- In cases where the "Verification Report of China Secondary Education Qualification Certificate" cannot be obtained due to the nature of the educational system (e.g. international schools), a graduation certificate issued by the applicant's high school may be submitted in its place. The certificate must clearly state the reason for why they are unable to submit a certificate issued by CHSI (for example due to being enrolled at an international school).
- Applicants who are expected to graduate from high school must submit a certificate of expected graduation issued by their high school at the time of application, and the "Verification Report of China Secondary Education Qualification Certificate" must be submitted after graduation.

[Academic transcripts]

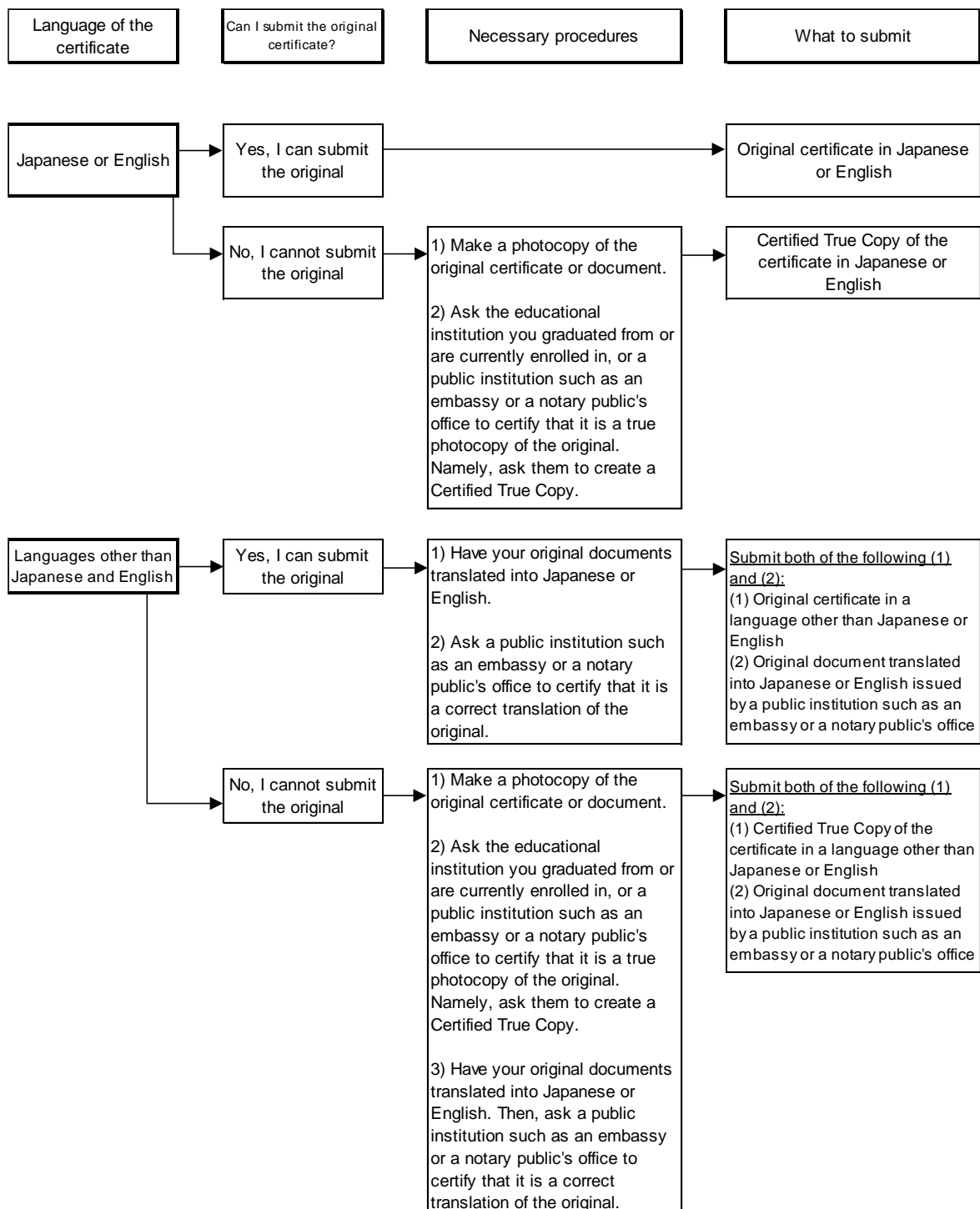
- Please submit the original academic transcript issued by your high school. The submission method is the same as for “② Those who graduated from a high school outside of China.”

② Those who graduated from a high school outside of China

- For certificates such as graduation certificates and academic transcripts, please submit the original documents issued and certified by the educational institution you graduated from or are currently enrolled in, or a Certified True Copy of your original documents issued by a public institution such as an educational institution, embassy, or a notary public's office.

- Certificates written in a language other than Japanese or English must have a translation prepared by a public institution such as an embassy or a notary public's office, or by a licensed translator. The translation must be attached to your original certificates.

- Please ensure that the name, date of birth, and other personal information on all submitted documents match what is stated on your passport.



(4) Submit the Documents to:

Admissions, Tokyo College of Music,
 1-9-1 Kamimeguro, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 153-8622, Japan
 Tel: +81-3-6455-2754 (direct number)

7. Examination Venue

- Tokyo College of Music Nakameguro · Daikan-yama Campus
(1-9-1 Kamimeguro, Meguro-ku, Tokyo)
- Tokyo College of Music, Ikebukuro Campus
(3-4-5 Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo)

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* For details on the examination venue and schedule, please refer to the information sent to you by email.

8. Tuition and Other Payments

Please see the following link for information on tuition fees at the college:

<https://www.tokyo-ondai.ac.jp/about/expenses>



9. Scholarships and Financial Support

Please see the following link for information on scholarships and financial support at the college:

<https://www.tokyo-ondai.ac.jp/information/12765.php>



10. Acquiring a “Student” Status of Residence

(1) Applicants with a valid status of residence in Japan

① Applicants with a “Student” status of residence

You must submit an “**Application for Extension of Period of Stay**” to Tokyo Regional Immigration Services Bureau. Applications can be submitted up to three months before the current period of stay expires. Please note that if you stay for three months or longer without engaging in activities permitted by your residence status, your status will be revoked.

In addition, if there is a change in the institution you are enrolled in, you are required to submit a “Notification of the Accepting Organization” to Tokyo Regional Immigration Services Bureau within 14 days of the change even if your period of stay continues after you enroll in the college.

② Applicants currently residing in Japan with a status of residence other than “Student” who wish to obtain a “Student” status of residence

You must submit an “**Application for Change of Status of Residence**” to Tokyo Regional Immigration Services Bureau. Upon completing the enrollment procedure, the college will issue a “Letter of Admission”. You can use this “Letter of Admission” to change your residence status while in Japan. However, applicants who have entered Japan with a “Temporary Visitor” status are not permitted to change their residence status while in Japan. In such cases, it may be necessary to leave Japan once to acquire a “Student” visa.

③ Applicants with a long-term status of residence other than “Student”

Applicants hold a long-term status of residence such as “Long-Term Resident” or “Dependent” are not required to change their status to “Student.” However, please note that such statuses do not allow applicants to apply for various subsidy programs for international students or to register for classes for international students at the college. Applicants are therefore advised to renew or change your residence status as necessary.

If you wish to renew or change your status of residence, the application method and required documents will vary depending on your current status of residence. Please inquire at your nearest immigration bureau for details.

[Important notes]

- Applicants who have previously been enrolled in Japanese language institutions or specialized training colleges in Japan (e.g. Japanese language schools, Japanese language courses at universities or junior colleges, or professional training colleges) before enrolling at the college will be required by the Tokyo Regional Immigration Services Bureau to submit a certificate of attendance issued by the educational institution you were enrolled in when applying for an extension of their period of stay or a change of status of residence. Please note that if there is a problem with your enrollment status, your application may be denied.

- When submitting your application for permission to extend period of stay or change status of residence, applicants will need documents prepared by the college. Please request these documents before submitting your application to the Immigration Services Bureau. The documents will be issued after enrollment.

(2) Applicants without a valid status of residence in Japan

You must apply for a “Student” visa at the Japanese Embassy or consulate in your home country. Visa application process will be smoother if you or your proxy obtains a “Certificate of Eligibility (COE)” from the Tokyo Regional Immigration Services Bureau in advance and submit it when applying for a “Student” visa. If you have relatives, financial supporters, or scholarship providers in Japan, please ask them to apply for the “Certificate of Eligibility” on your behalf. If you would like the college to apply on your behalf, please submit the necessary documents provided during the admission procedure period. Detailed information will be sent to successful applicants together with other enrollment documents.

[Important notes]

- It takes about two to three months to obtain the “Certificate of Eligibility (COE)” and three weeks to one month to issue a “Student” visa after obtaining the COE. Depending on the period of the entrance examination and the status of the enrollment procedures, you may not be able to travel to Japan in time for the start of classes, so make sure to take the time required for visa application into consideration when applying to the college.
- The approval or rejection of the application for visa is at the sole discretion of the Ministry of Justice, and as such the college cannot be held liable for any losses or inconveniences if your application is denied.
- Financial support and most scholarships for international students are only available to those with a “Student” status of residence.

11. Examination Subjects

For details on the entrance examination subjects for each major, please refer to the International Admissions Application Guidelines (Japanese version).

Examination Subject		English (Qualification)	English (Examination Conducted by the College)	Mathematics	Practical Exam	Short Essay (Note 3)	Interview and Oral Examination (Note 4)	Interview	Piano Minor Exam	Chordungen	Sight-singing (Note 5)	Sight-reading	Music Dictation (Four-part Harmony and Melody) (Note 5)	Music Dictation (Chord and Melody) (Note 5)	Creation	Musical Theory (Note 5)	Remarks
		Allocation of points	(Note 1)	(Note 2)	100 points each				ABC (3 levels)	50 points each							ABC (3 levels)
Vocal Music	Vocal Music		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		Choice (2)		✓		
Instrumental	Piano, Pianist Performance Course		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		
	Creation and Piano Performance Course		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	Practical Exam is the piano assignment of Creation and Piano Performance Course
	Harpsichord		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		
	Organ		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
	Strings, Wind and Percussion		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Composer and Conductor	Composition (Artistic Music Course)		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		Interview is included in the practical test by major
	Composition (Music Media Course) (Note 6)		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓					✓		✓		✓		Short essay and interview are included in the practical test by major
	Conducting		Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓			✓		✓			✓	✓		Short essay and interview are included in the practical test by major
Music Culture and Education (Note 7)			Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓	✓			Choice (2)		Choice (2)		Choice (2)		
Music Liberal-Arts			Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓		✓									
Wind Band Major			Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓	✓	Choice (2)		Choice (2)	Choice (2)	Choice (2)		✓		
Music Business and Technology			Choice (1)	Choice (1)	Choice (1)		✓	✓									

*** For the “Choice” subject, applicants must select one subject from the “Choice” subject with the same number (i.e. one of Choice (1) and one of Choice (2) for each major. However, for the Music Culture and Education Major, applicants must select two subjects from Choice (2), in addition to one from Choice (1).**

[Note 1] The college will make its own conversion based on the CEFR comparison table published by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

[Note 2] 100 points will be allotted for majors in Music Culture and Education, Music Liberal-Arts, and Music Business and Technology. 50 points will be allotted for other majors.

[Note 3] ♦ Majors in Vocal Music, Instrumental, Composer and Conductor (Composition (Artistic Music Course)), Wind Band: Short essay in Japanese (common theme)

♦ Majors in Music Culture and Education, Composer and Conductor (Composition (Music Media Course), Conducting), Music Business and Technology: Short essay with a theme given by each major

[Note 4] The content of the interview and oral examination varies depending on the major.

[Note 5] Those who passed the certification examination held at one of the college’s College Preparatory Programs this year will be exempt from taking the corresponding subjects in the entrance examination.

[Note 6] Those who have been certified in the college’s Music Media Prep Course this year will be exempt from taking one or both of the “Harmony” and “Accompaniment” subjects in the entrance examination.

[Note 7] Practical exam: practical music performance using any means of performance. If piano is not selected, “Basic piano” (one piece of music of your choice, regardless of level or genre) will be required.

12. List of Accepted English Qualifications and Proficiency Tests

As an alternative to the English examination conducted by the college, you may use any of the qualifications below.

You will need to submit one original copy of the relevant qualification examination certificate at the time of application.

[Target majors] Vocal Music, Instrumental, Composer and Conductor, Music Culture and Education, Wind Band, Music Business and Technology

Qualification/Test	Score	Remarks
Cambridge English Test	120 or higher	The timing of acquisition is not restricted. However, please beware that examination administration organizations may set a validity period or a deadline for reissuing official certificates. Make sure to confirm if any of the above applies to you if you do not have the original certificate on hand.
EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency	Grade Pre-2 or higher	
GTEC (excluding assessment version)	690 or higher (Obtained by the end of March 2023) 680 or higher (Obtained in or after April 2023) **	
IELTS (Academic)	4.0 or higher	
TEAP	135 or higher	
TEAP CBT	235 or higher	
TOEFL iBT®	42 or higher	
TOEIC® (L&R/S&W) (public test only) *	625 or higher	
TOEIC Bridge® (L&R/S&W) (public test only) *	129 or higher	

* For TOEIC and TOEIC Bridge (L&R/S&W), multiply the S&W score by 2.5 and add together.

** For GTEC, a new standard score is applied from April 1, 2023 onward.