

Master of Music Leadership

Frequently Asked Questions

General Info

How many intakes are there in a year?

There are 2 intakes per year, one in January and one in August.

What is the duration of the Master of Music Leadership (MMusL) programme?

The MMusL degree is a 40 units coursework programme. Prospective students may enrol either as a full-time or part-time* student.

Candidature period:

Full-time: 2**-4 semesters (approx. 1-2 years)

Part-time: 5-8 semesters (approx. 2.5-4 years)

**Part-time study for Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Singapore-based International Applicants only (valid student or work pass required).*

*** The fastest mode of 2 semesters, or a single year of full-time is applicable for students who have already passed required courses via CET prior to admission to the MMusL programme.*

Can I switch between part-time and full-time studies during the MMusL programme?

Yes, conversion between part-time and full-time studies is allowed*, so long as it is administered at least a month before the new semester begins, though this benefit can only be exercised once.

**Conversion can only occur within a limited period (4th semester for part-time, and 2nd semester for full-time candidates). Exemptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.*

Who is eligible to apply for the MMusL course?

Applicants will generally need to have successfully completed a Bachelor of Music or equivalent degree from an approved institution of higher education in music.

Alternatively, applicants are evaluated based on significant contributions and demonstrable professional accomplishments in music-related fields, and on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants whose native tongue or language of undergraduate instruction is not English must complete the TOEFL or IELTS with the minimum acceptable scores of TOEFL score - at least 100 for the internet-based test and a minimum score of 22 for the writing section, or 7.0 for IELTS.

As admission to the MMusL programme is competitive with limited vacancies, only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. Auditions and additional interviews will be required where appropriate for shortlisted candidates.

For more details, please refer to the MMusL section of our [Admissions page](#).

What is the difference between MMus and MMusL?

MMus is a 80 units MOE-subsidised YST graduate programme for practising musicians/composers/conductors interested to further their technical and musical skills. Core content includes specialised individual lessons that emphasize more on the performative and artistic dimensions.

MMusL is a 40 units self-funded YST graduate programme for upcoming and established music industry professionals interested to advance leadership and transferable skills. This programme is multifaceted to provide flexibility to suit individual needs and professional practice through individual, small group and seminar settings.

Academic-related

Can I be exempted from admission language requirements such as TOEFL and GRE?

If you can provide documentation that the medium of instruction in your prior education is in English, an exemption may be granted. You will be required to submit a TOEFL/IELTS score if your prior university education was not in English.

Can I transfer credits from previous Masters'/degree programme study to MMusL?

No, credit transfer and exemptions for NUS graduate programmes will not be allowed for Non-NUS modules that have been used towards another degree.

I have already taken YST-SSG course/s – can they count towards MMusL?

Yes, please check our [website](#) for the list of eligible YST-SSG courses. If you have already taken some of these YST-SSG courses under our CET programme*, you may opt to transfer credits** should you be successfully enrolled in the programme.

**Except MUT1201 Introduction to Classical Music Composition*

***Credit transfer is only applicable within a period of 36 months from completion and if the grade fulfills MMusL requirements. Please also note that the grade for the course will also be transferred.*

Can I read other NUS courses as electives?

No, only the list of YST-SSG courses (on the website) and graduate certificate courses are eligible.

What will the course assessment be like?

The Master of Music Leadership degree will mostly consist of continuing assessment and will differ according to individual courses. The Capstone Project will be a major assessment component that consists of continuing assessment and a final Public Presentation and Defence/Lecture Recital.

Funding

How much does the MMusL programme cost?

The full programme fees cost SGD\$45,6000.00, before GST and any subsidies (SGD\$49,704.00 including 9% GST).

The MMusL is a self-funded programme. Students will be billed on a semester basis, based on the courses they are enrolled in that semester.

What fee-funding support is available for Singaporeans?

YST-SSG courses under the Graduate Certificate and Free Elective components are eligible for SSG subsidies (applicable only to Singapore Citizens/PRs). For more information, kindly refer to the funding tables under "Fees and Funding".

All Singaporeans aged 25 and above can use their \$500 SkillsFuture Credit from the government to pay for a wide range of approved skills-related courses relating to the MMusL Graduate Certificate and Free Elective components.

Application

How do I apply?

All applications can be made on: https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/portal/app_manage

When is the application window?

The application window for the January 2025 intake is open from 15th July to 1st September 2024. Please refer to our website for updates.

Is there an application fee?

There is an application fee of SGD\$50.

Can I apply to be a part-time student if I am an international applicant?

You can only apply to be a part-time student if you already have a valid pass (e.g. work permit) to legally reside in Singapore.

You will not be able to obtain a student visa for part-time studies.

What materials would I need for the application process?

Completed application form on the NUS Graduate Admission System (GDA3). The user guide for the GDA3 system may be found [here](#).

- Inclusive of submission of both CV and Personal Statement on the portal under 'Documents Upload'.

Bachelor of Music or equivalent degree from an approved institution of higher education in music.

- Alternatively, applicants are evaluated based on significant contributions and demonstrable professional accomplishments in music-related fields, and on a case-by-case basis.

Two recommendations

- Your recommendations should be from referees who are in the most suitable position to comment on your music ability and aptitude. Recommendations by a peer, family member or friend will not be accepted.
- Applicants will be required to assign 2 referees in GDA3 to complete a referee report.
- Referee reports have to be submitted by 1st September 2024.
- Applications without complete referee reports will not be considered

As admission to the MMusL programme is highly competitive, only shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview and audition where requested, to carefully assess if this professional studies programme is appropriate for the goals and aspirations of each applicant. Please see application information [here](#).

Auditions and additional interviews may be required on a case-by-case basis if requested by the admissions panel.

Is there an audition requirement for the application?

For shortlisted candidates, auditions and additional interviews may be required if requested by the admissions panel.

Can I apply to more than one Master's programme?

Yes, but you will only be allowed to accept one offer.

Offer

When will I be notified of the application outcome?

Successful applicants will be informed of their offer by mid-October. The acceptance of offer should be made within a week, with a non-refundable and non-transferable fee of SGD\$5,000 (excluding GST) payable upon acceptance. This fee counts towards the tuition fees of the programme.

Can I appeal if my application is rejected?

No, all outcome decisions are final. You may wish to, however, try again for the subsequent intake.

When will I need to make payment for the school fees?

Fees would be typically billed at the start of each semester, based on the courses taken during each semester.

Can I defer my admission or apply for leave of absence?

Deferment of entry into the course is not allowed. The modular format of the programme allows for the courses to be taken alongside other professional commitments. As such, leave of absence will only be considered for extraordinary circumstances, on a case-by-case basis.

Preparing for enrolment**Is housing provided on campus?**

Please refer to this [website](#) for more information.

(do note that Master of Music Leadership degree is a graduate coursework programme)

When do I need to arrive in Singapore?

International students are advised to arrive in Singapore about a month before studies commences. Before your arrival, you will need to start applying for the Student's Pass, issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA). For more information, please refer [here](#).