

Requirements for practical entrance exam Bachelor of Music Guitar Jazz & Pop

Video admission requirements

Please record a video, consisting of two separate parts:

1. A personal pitch of no more than 3 minutes
2. A performance of 10-15 minutes of which at least 1 piece in collaboration with others, if that is allowed under your local COVID-19 regulations. If not, use a backing track.

Personal pitch

Introduce yourself by stating your name, where you live, which instrument you are auditioning for, and your age. Please speak slowly and clearly.

Tell us a little bit about yourself, answering the following questions:

- How long have you been playing music?
- How long have you had lessons, and who was your teacher?
- What is your musical background (education, experience)
- In what kind of bands/ensembles have you played?
- Describe your role as a musician in a band, considering your specific instrument
- What do you like when it comes to playing your instrument and making music in general; who are your influences and heroes (especially regarding your own instrument)? What kind of music do you prefer to listen to?
- do you play more than one instrument and if so, which ones?
- do you create/write your own music? Tell us about it (and/or show us in your performance)
- Are you open to different musical styles?
- What motivates you to choose an education and career in music? How do you see your future, professionally?
- How well do you work alone?
- How well do you work with other people?

Performance (Max 10-15 minutes)

Every track/ each individual piece, has to be recorded in one take - no editing is allowed. Also, do not change camera position during a track. The tracks need not all be recorded on the same day or in the same location. Do make sure that both you yourself and your instrument are clearly visible and audible.

1. (Max 10 minutes)

Play 2 pieces in different styles; come to the point as soon as possible. No solos of fellow players or long intros. 1 of these 2 pieces should be a standard with a reasonable degree of harmonic movement, not 1 chord jams.

2. (Max 5 minutes)

- Play any root on your guitar and **sing** from that root a Dorian scale, then **play** the same Dorian scale on your guitar. Repeat this twice with different root notes.
 - Download the 'audition track guitar.mp3' from the HKU website (see downloads)
- Come up with a 16th note rhythm part and play that over it, without stopping in the breaks.
- play an improvisation on this track.

Good luck !