

FAQs ADMISSION EXAM FOR FINE ARTS

All dates and details are published on our website. We would kindly ask you to read the full text and FAQs carefully before contacting us. If you do contact us, we are asking for your kind understanding that due to high demand, it may take some time to get back to you.

English version on https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/study-programs/fine-arts/zulassungspruefung/zulassungspruefung

German version on <https://www.akbild.ac.at/Portal/studium/studienrichtungen/bildende-kunst/zulassungspruefung/zulassungspruefung>

General information about the study program Fine Arts

Fine Arts is a full time diploma program of 8 semesters leading to the academic degree „Mag. art.“. It is not a Bachelor/Master program. In Austria, a diploma program is considered equivalent to a Master degree. If you already studied e.g. a BA in Fine Arts at another university, you may apply for recognition of exams/courses from previous studies. Please note: We cannot guarantee any recognition of exams/courses and **will consider applications for recognition after admission and enrolment as a regular student/degree student only**. For detailed information see the „Studienplan 2018“ (curriculum) on <https://www.akbild.ac.at/Portal/studium/studienrichtungen/bildende-kunst>

There are no requirements like „Matura“ (A-level, high school diploma etc.) or preliminary studies necessary to apply for Fine Arts. The only condition to be admitted to the study program is to successfully pass the admission exam.

Please note that there is no possibility to be admitted to the Fine Arts study program but to successfully pass the admission exam, also if you already studied an art-related program before.

Language

Language requirements for the admission exam: The admission exam can be done either in German or English. Applicants who do not speak English or German can bring a translator to the oral exam (interview with the professors), detailed information will be submitted within the admission procedure.

Language requirements for students: After passing the admission exam and enrolling as a regular student/degree student, our students have two semesters time to learn German level B1. Before enrolling for the third semester (after one year of studies), our students have to prove German knowledge by presenting an official certificate for level B1 at our Registrar's Office or by passing the Academy's German course for level B1.

For further information see https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/language-competency/language-competency?set_language=en&cl=en

As a major part of our courses/lectures are held in German, it is essential to speak and understand German; only some courses are held in English or German/English.

Admission procedure

Part 1

Step 1: online registration via www.akbild.ac.at/zulassung or www.akbild.ac.at/admission during the given time frame (please also check the spam folder of your email account after online registration). If you wish to apply for more than one „studio group“ (painting, sculpture or media) within the Fine Arts study program, you have to register online for each group separately and submit a separate portfolio/work sample for each application.

Step 2: submission of the portfolio/work samples by postal mail/courier service or in person or by a representative within the respective given time frames

Step 3: The board of admission (Senat der Zulassungsprüfung) examines all applications and decides who will be invited to take part in the oral exam (Part 2). The applicants will be notified by email about the results (please check again the spam folder of your email account).

Step 4: The applicants who are not invited to take the oral exam have to collect their portfolios within a given time frame.

Part 2

Step 5: The applicants who are invited to take the oral exam (Part 2) – and wish to take part in the exam – have to be present in person during all three exam days from 9am to 5pm to produce work samples with material brought along and for personal interviews with our professors. The exam can only be taken on the specified exam days.

Step 6: At the end of the last exam day the applicants who took part in the exam have to collect their portfolios and dismantle their work samples produced during the exam days.

Step 7: The board of admission (Senat der Zulassungsprüfung) decides who will be admitted to the study program on the basis of the submitted portfolio, the work samples produced during the exam days and the interviews.

Step 8: The applicants will be notified by email about the results.

Portfolio/work samples

* It is expected that the applicants submit independent artistic works which illustrate certain interests, realisations and motivations as well as methods of work. The selection of works should be based **on the applicant's own artistic practice. It is recommended that works, which have been produced in secondary school or various art-courses, be submitted only when they support the applicant's own personal artistic position.** The work samples should serve to demonstrate the applicant's aptitude for independent artistic thinking and working, there are no requirements concerning quantity or size.

The work sample/folder should be designed in such a way that it can be transported by one person.

* It is expected and important that at least some original works are submitted, although however prints/copies can be submitted in case the original is too big or heavy to be transported.

* Please note: As a general rule, the portfolio/work samples cannot be uploaded or submitted by e-mail.

For further details see https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/study-programs/fine-arts/zulassungspruefung/zulassungspruefung

Visa for international applicants:

Applicants who are invited to take the oral exam (Part 2) will find detailed visa information on our website, see the section „**International students who wish to complete a study program at the Academy**“ on https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/visas-and-residency-permits

Please read the entire information there carefully before contacting us.

Tuition fee:

See detailed information on https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/tuition-fee/new-rules-for-tuition-fees-from-summer-semester-2009?set_language=en&cl=en

Open days:

A good opportunity to get to know the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna is during the open days called “Rundgang” taking place during the last weekend in January each year. The exact dates and program are published in December/beginning of January on our website www.akbild.ac.at

General information regarding studying in Austria:

<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/>

Austrian Students' Union / Österreichische Hochschüler_innenschaft

<http://www.oehakbild.info/>