

Frequently Asked Questions

from Applicants to Doctoral Schools of the Academy of Music in Poznań

1. Why are there three doctoral schools at the Academy of Music in Poznań? Can I attend all of them or only one?

The Academy of Music in Poznań boasts three doctoral schools – this is a unique solution among Polish music universities. The main aim is to support candidates with diverse artistic and research interests in the field of music. This format helps to better adjust the education programs and increase opportunities for candidates, including those outside performance-based paths. Each school's program assumes that artistic activity generates knowledge. Exploring, researching, and developing one's own knowledge through the Education Program and Individual Research Plan allows a doctoral student to build both their artistic and academic work.

- **Doctoral School of Historically Informed Performance and Musical Instrument Making (DS HIPIM)**

This school is for those candidates whose artistic and academic research is related to historical performance. It is also the only school in Poland that is dedicated to the unique nature of the field, namely the research on the construction and reconstruction of musical instruments.

- **Doctoral School of Solo and Ensemble Music: Contemporary Performance Practice (DS CPP)**

This school is for musicians who perform contemporary music. It allows doctoral students to develop skills not only in solo instrumental performance (common in Bachelor's and Master's degrees) but also in orchestral, chamber, and various modern music styles. It's open to classical instrumentalists as well as artists from jazz, folk, and other non-classical genres, including vocalists and conductors.

- **Doctoral School of Composition, Music Theory, Eurhythmics and Music Education (DS CTRE)**

This school is for those who see music creation as a skill and research area. It also supports research in modern music education and eurhythmics, including rhythm, movement, dance, and choreography.

You can apply to all doctoral schools but will be admitted to only one. Each application must match the school's specific research field. Applications not aligned with the school's focus will be rejected. If your research fits two schools, you may apply to both. The recruitment committee decides which school you may join. Each school accepts two candidates per year, allowing a total of six doctoral students annually.

2. What are the document requirements?

Documents must be submitted through the USOS platform within the deadline published on the AMP website (Doctoral Student / Admissions section). The recruitment fee is 200 PLN. Foreign applicants must submit documents translated by a sworn translator. If documents are incorrect, you'll be contacted by email and have seven days to correct them. Questions can be sent to: mandrys@amuz.edu.pl

3. Do I need a Master's degree to apply?

No, candidates with a Bachelor's degree may also apply under Art.186(2) of the Act of 20th July 2018 – Law on the Higher Education and Science¹. All candidates have equal opportunities. A candidate who has completed second-cycle studies or long-cycle Master's studies, and who demonstrates significant artistic and research activity upon graduation, generally has greater potential for evaluation (Art.200(1) Act of 20th July 2018 – Law on the Higher Education and Science). Foreign applicants must provide a diploma that qualifies them to undertake education at a doctoral school.

4. How much time do I need to spend in Poznań? How long do the studies last?

Each semester includes six Saturdays of scheduled classes. Additionally, doctoral students must complete thirty hours of pedagogical practice per semester and teach weekly two-hour classes. Every semester, students must also participate in at least two "Nowe interpretacje" [New Interpretations] concerts and once per academic year participate actively in one academic conference (or passively in two). The doctoral program lasts six semesters (three years) but can be completed earlier.

5. When and how should I apply?

The application calendar is available at the beginning of each academic year on the AMP website (Doctoral Student / Admissions section). Recruitment usually starts in late May/June, and exams take place in early July.

6. I am not a Polish citizen. Can I apply? What language are the classes in? Do I need to prove my language level?

You can apply to DS CPP where classes can be in English. Other schools teach in Polish. You must provide a B2 language certificate in Polish or English. If you graduated with a Master's in the EU, you are likely to already meet the English requirement. For Polish, foreign applicants must submit a separate certificate for DS HIPIM or DS CTRE. The entrance exam at DS CPP can be in Polish or English. You do not need to submit certificates if English is your native language.

7. Is my artistic supervisor the same as my doctoral advisor? Who can be my supervisor or advisor?

The artistic supervisor is a teacher who supports your artistic development (fifteen hours per semester). They do not have to be your advisor and may be from AMP or another institution. A different supervisor may be chosen each semester with permission from the school's director.

An artistic supervisor can also be your doctoral advisor. You choose your advisor during the first three months. They support your doctoral dissertation. The advisor may be from AMP or another institution, but if they are external, you must justify this choice to the Scientific Council.

8. What are the costs of studying at the doctoral school? Are any costs covered?

Every doctoral student receives a monthly scholarship of 37% of a professor's salary, which increases to 57% after passing the mid-term evaluation. Conference participation and work visits can be refunded up to 1000 PLN per year. The AMP may

¹ <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/download.xsp/WDU20180001668/U/D20181668Lj.pdf>

finance the recording of your artistic work up to 5000 PLN (as part of your IRP) and cover other costs agreed with the Rector (at least six months in advance).

9. Are travel and accommodation expenses covered during classes in Poznań?

No, travel, maintenance, and accommodation costs must be covered by you.

10. What kind of support can I receive? Can I get help with accommodation?

You can request help with various matters, including accommodation. Foreign students get support with adapting to life in Poznań and handling official matters. Doctoral students can apply for benefits such as student loans or housing in the student dormitory. Contact:

- Director of the Doctoral School: wkunc@amuz.edu.pl
 - Vice-Rector for Research Projects, Academy Promotion and Evaluation: mrykowski@amuz.edu.pl
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11. Can I participate in the Erasmus program during my doctoral studies?

Yes. We encourage and support international research and artistic activity.
