

SVKM's NMIMS Deemed to be University

School of Performing Arts Admission Information Handout

Bachelor of Arts (Music - Western Contemporary Music) Batch 2026

1. Introduction:

This booklet gives information about the Admission Procedure and Audition Process for Bachelor of Arts (Music - Western Contemporary Music) Batch 2026.

2. Program & Duration.

Program	Campus	Duration
Bachelor of Arts (Music - Western Contemporary Music) Major Practical will be in (Vocals, Guitar, Piano, Drums)	Mumbai	4 years

Admission to above mentioned program is through audition only.

3. Eligibility Criteria (fulfilling all/applicable conditions mandatory). It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check his/her eligibility before applying for the program.

The candidate must have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination in any stream from a recognized Board and should have obtained a minimum of **50% aggregate marks**. Mathematics/ Statistics **not mandatory** for this program. Students less than 50%, having good potential and skills can be considered as a special case and allowed for audition round.

If a candidate is found ineligible even after commencement of the program, he / she would be discontinued from the program and fees will be paid in accordance with standard procedure.

Candidates should meet the following requirements in addition to the eligibility requirements listed above:

- Candidates **Diploma awarded** from International Baccalaureate (IB) Board will be considered equivalent to 10+2 examination providing they have confirmed 24 grades/credits compulsory and have passed 3 subjects at Higher Level (HL) and 3 subjects at Standard Level (SL) plus extended essay and Theory of Knowledge (TOK).
- Candidates **Diploma Programme (DP course) awarded** from International Baccalaureate (IB) Board will be considered equivalent to 10 +2 examination with 2 subjects at Higher Level (HL) and 2 subjects at Standard Level (SL) OR 3 subjects at Standard Level (SL) and 1 subject at Higher Level (HL)
- a. **IBCP equivalence for General Strand** (Arts, Commerce, Science, Law): Candidates Career related Programme (CP) course awarded from International Baccalaureate (IB) Board will be considered 2 DP subjects with at least 1 subject at Higher Level (HL) and minimum 3 points in each DP subject.

Additionally, it is necessary to complete at least 03 Career Related Studies (CSR) courses given by IB-approved partners, such as the World Academy of Career Program.

b. IBCP equivalence for Engineering or Medicine Strand: Candidates Career related Programme (CP) course awarded from International Baccalaureate (IB) Board will be considered 3 DP subjects (Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology or other similar subjects) with at least 1 subjects at Higher Level (HL) and minimum 03 points in each DP subject.

Additionally, it is necessary to complete at least 03 Career Related Studies (CSR) courses given by IB-approved partners, such as the World Academy of Career Program.

Addition qualifying requirements as specified by statutory agencies such as AICTE and PCI in accordance with program requirements.

- In the online registration or e-admission form (if selected) for the 10+2 or equivalent exam, candidates who have passed through any examining board (such as the State Board, CBSE, ICSE, etc.) should indicate the aggregate scores of all the subjects they have taken, opted for, and for which appeared for (not the best of four, five, six, or seven subjects).

The aggregate percentage of all subjects the candidate has opted and appeared will be taken into consideration for confirming eligibility of the candidate for the program at the time of admission.

For A Level Examination (Cambridge Board) with minimum 3 subjects at advance level will be taken into consideration for calculation of aggregate percentage. Ungraded subjects/grades will not be taken into account.

- The candidate shall have passed all the subjects opted and must have appeared in the applicable examination/s in a single attempt.
- Candidate will not be eligible if any subject is marked as ungraded / fail in the mark sheet / grade sheet even if the relevant examining board declares the candidate passed. (except Cambridge Board).
- In case the mark sheet issued by any examining board reflects scores in percentile(s), point system, GPA/CGPA, or performance bands, candidates must provide the equivalent aggregate percentage. For IB board students, an official Indian conversion transcript is mandatory. If a Grade Point Average (GPA) or Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is provided, candidates must submit the certified equivalent percentage. Please note that the actual aggregate percentage of all subjects listed on the official grade sheet will be considered for eligibility
- Candidates above 35 years of age not eligible to apply.
- **IB & Cambridge Candidate:** Candidates who do not have final mark sheet will be given "Provisional Admission" based on predicted scores. Fees will be accepted from such candidate but their admission will be confirmed on submission of final mark sheet before the commencement of the program, if found eligible. The mark sheet/s / transcript/s issued by Board / University shall only be considered.
- International School/s candidates and those candidates who have completed their (10+2) or equivalent examination/s from overseas school/s / Institute/s / University will have to submit AIU/ certificate of equivalence (mandatory) to confirm their eligibility for the program as equivalent to

(10+2) examination/s. This criterion also applies to candidates who have completed open school, distance learning, or correspondence courses.

- Only single mark sheet with all compulsory subjects passed is mandatory, no compartmentalized mark sheet will be considered. (Except Cambridge Board)
- Candidate whose final mark sheet is not available at the time of admission is required to upload internet copy / Digi Locker copy of result within 07 working days of the announcement of the final examination result to confirm the program eligibility. The candidate's admission will be revoked, if they fail to present the mandatory document within the specified timeline.
- Candidates who have cleared their 10 + 2 (12th Standard) by doing a part time course or through distance learning, correspondence course externally, open school from a recognized University are eligible to apply & register as per UGC guidelines.
- **If at any stage of the program it is found that a candidate does not meet the eligibility criteria or has furnished incorrect information in the application form, his/her admission to the course, even if already admitted, will stand cancelled. Fees will be refunded as per the applicable refund rule clause. If the candidate does not voluntarily withdraw, the University will proceed with cancellation of admission.**
- The admission information handout's eligibility requirements will serve as the only document for program eligibility. School's brochure or prospectus or any other promotional material will only be used as a guide and not be used to refer eligibility.
- The payment of fees does not confirm fulfilment of the admission eligibility criteria. Admission will be granted only after verification of all required documents and compliance with the prescribed eligibility norms.

4. Admission Process

4.1 Online Registration & Payment of Registration Fee

- Visit www.nmims.edu for online registration.
- Before filling the online form, please read carefully, the admission information handout, important dates and also Terms & Condition given in the online application form.
- Online registration fee is Rs. 2000/-
- Registration Fee is non-refundable/ non-transferable.
- Kindly keep below details available:
 - ABC ID (Academic Bank of Credits)" (Please visit website for creating ID: <https://abcidcard.co.in/>)
 - AADHAAR NUMBER.
 - AADHAAR NAME (Name as mentioned in Aadhaar card)

Note: The name on the Aadhaar card and NMIMS registration / admission form should be identical. Original/s documents will be required for verification before program commencement.

4.2 Instruction for uploading photo in Registration Form.

- Photos should be in .jpeg format, and dimensions should be 200 pixels tall and 150 pixels wide. Size should not exceed 500 kb.
- Photo should have either white or lightly coloured background.

- Eyes should be open and clearly visible.
- Photo should have candidates face distinctly visible, straight and at the center.
- Shoulder tops should be also clear on the photo. Photographs should not be more than 6 months old.
- Photos where candidate is seen to be wearing cap or goggles will be rejected.

4.3 Instruction for uploading the You tube video link in Registration Form.

- The duration of the video should be minimum 2 minutes & maximum 5 minutes. (If exceeds, anything beyond 5 minutes will not be assessed)
- It should be recorded live (without retakes) using camera phone or DSLR with audio capture.
- Any kind of edits or processing (audio or video) is not allowed.
- The video must be uploaded for audition purpose only.
- The video should show the candidate's face clearly and the full instrument sound should be loud and clear.
- The video must be uploaded on YouTube as an "Unlisted" video only. Private videos will **not** be assessed.

4.4 Call letter for Audition (On virtual mode).

- Registered and paid candidates will be invited for the audition round as per important dates through the Call letter.
- Candidates are required to check their dashboard for the call letter.
- No candidate, without call letter or without the photograph on the call letter will be permitted to appear for the audition.
- Candidate must carry/ keep handy any one requisite original ID proof while appearing for the audition.

List of ID proof:

1. Voters ID
2. Passport
3. School/College ID
4. Aadhaar Card
5. Driving License (Learner license will not be accepted)
6. 12th Admit Card
7. PAN Card

5. Selection Process

- All candidates must login to www.nmims.edu and fill out the application form.
- Candidate have to choose any of **Vocals, Guitar, Piano or Drums**.

- All eligible candidates who wish to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts (Music - Western Contemporary Music) Programme will be required to upload a video of their performance on YouTube (Unlisted video) and send the link in the application form.
- The candidates will be then called for the audition on the mentioned date through call letter.
- Merit list will be only based on **audition process**.
- Admission offer is given as per merit; waitlisted candidates must check their merit list status regularly and selected candidates should report for the payment of fees within given duration as per important dates.
- Internal / Stream Transfer “**not entertained**” at any reason.

6. Structure for Audition

- The registered and paid candidates will be invited to the auditions through call letter.
- The audition process will include: **(On virtual mode)**

Test area	Details	Marks	Weightage
Performance	The candidate can choose any song of his/her choice of the level that describes his/her best performing ability. He / She will be assessed on accuracy, technique and stylistic elements	50	80%
Simple Improvisation	The candidate will be given simple improvisation over pop song / ballad progression / chord chart and asked to work it out for performance. The backing track (Scatting for vocalist)	25	
Aural	Identifying changes in rhythm or pitch. Imitating rhythm and /or melody	25	
Personal Interview	Question will be asked to assess the candidate's aptitude. This will be a non-technical round	50	20%

7. Program Fees: (Batch 2025 for information only). Subject to change

1 st Year of Study	Fees (INR)
Bachelor of Arts (Music - Western Contemporary Music)	₹ 5,00,000/- p.a.

Program fees for 1st Year (batch 2026) will be declared at the time of admission

8. Refund Rules:

As per the notification of UGC.

9. Important instruction:

- For cancellation / withdrawal of admission: Withdrawal /cancellation means voluntary withdrawal / cancellation by candidate for any reason. Candidate should visit <https://upload.nmims.edu/admission/cancellation/>
- Canvassing in any form for admission will disqualify the candidature.
- If at any stage, it is found that a candidate does not satisfy the eligibility criteria or the information furnished by him/her in the application form is incorrect, his/her admission to the course, even if selected, will stand cancelled and fees shall be refunded as per refund rule clauses.
- It is the sole responsibility of the candidates to ascertain whether they possess the necessary and requisite qualification for the admission to the courses at NMIMS.
- NMIMS will start program only if 10 candidates have taken admission. If 10 candidates do not take admission the tuition fees of students who have taken admission for the program shall be refunded. Alternately students shall be offered admission to other programs based on seat availability.
- All matters of dispute will be subject to the legal jurisdiction of Mumbai only.
- The candidate must have appeared for all his subject(s) / exams before the commencement of the respective program (s) of NMIMS (Deemed to be University). The examination of none of the subjects should be held after the commencement of the respective course.
- Candidates whose final mark sheet of the qualified examination is not available at the time of their provisional admission, is required to submit their final marksheet copy as soon as the result declared. In such case, if the candidate fail to meet the required eligibility criteria then his admission will be cancelled and the fees will be refunded as per NMIMS refund rules (even after course commencement).
- Admission to program is considered as **"Provisional Admission"** till all required and mandatory documents are submitted by the candidate and the same is verified and approved. If it is found that the candidate is not eligible at any stage (even after the course commencement), admission will be cancelled and fees will be refunded as per refund rule clauses even if selected/ admitted to the program.

10. Contact Information:

NMIMS Admission / Application / Technical related queries:

(a) Toll Free No: 18001025138 – Monday to Saturday (Except public holidays).

Saturday (only 2nd and 4th Saturday) Time: 09:00 - 18:00 hrs

(b) For any support and assistance kindly login to dashboard & raise query in my query section. Link <https://apply.nmims.edu/>