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. For the January 2022 intake, we are accepting applications from Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Foreign citizens based in Singapore. All other international applicants may apply from the August 2022 intake onwards (registration begins in February 2022).

What modules are available for this course?
The full module offerings for the MMusL programme can be found on our website: https://ystmusic.nus.edu.sg/musicleaders

What is the duration of the MMusL programme?
The Master of Music Leadership degree is a 40-modular credit (MC) 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).

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.

How much does the MMusL programme cost?
The MMusL is a self-funded programme and costs $43,000 full fees (before GST and any subsidies).
Is there any funding support available?
YST-SSG Modules under the Free Electives component 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 8MC Free Elective component.

If you have already taken some of these YST-SSG modules under our CET programme, you may opt to transfer credits should you be successfully enrolled in the programme. Please note that credit transfer is only applicable if the grade fulfills MMusL requirements. For more information, visit our website.

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, IELTS, or Diagnostic English Test (administered by the NUS Centre for English Language Communication) 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 or good pass in the Diagnostic English Test.

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

For more details, please refer to “Application Timeline and Requirements” on our website.

What is the difference between MMus and MMusL?
MMus is a 80MC MOE-subsidized YST graduate programme for practicing musicians/composers/conductors interested to further their technical and musical skills. Core content includes specialized individual lessons that emphasize more on the performative and artistic dimensions.

MMusL is a 40MC 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.
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 modules. The Capstone Project will be a major assessment component that consists of continuing assessment and a final Public Presentation and Defence/Lecture Recital.

Application

How do I apply?
All applications can be made on: https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/gda2/Home.aspx

When is the application window?
The application window for the January 2022 intake is open from 3rd November 2021 to 22nd November 2021. The application window for the August 2022 intake will be open from February to end March.

Is there an application fee?
There is no application fee.

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 (GDA2).

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

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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 GDA2 to complete a referee report and select the option to ‘Send Email to Referee’ on the system. For more information, please read here.
• Referee reports have to be submitted by 22nd Nov 2021. Please inform your referee to ignore the system automated email which states a 14-day deadline from the date of email notification.
• Applications without complete referee reports may not be considered.

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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.

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**Offer**

**When will I be notified of the application outcome?**
Successful applicants will be informed of their offer by Early December. Acceptance of offer should be made within a week, with a non-refundable and non-transferable fee of $5,000 (excluding GST) made 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 modules taken during each semester.
Can I defer my admission or apply for leave of absence?
No, you will not be allowed to defer entry into the course. 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 on a case-by-case basis.