

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JAZZ

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*The musical and artistic skills required for a Bachelor admission will be available on our website.*

## 2017 ADMISSION EXAMINATION : APRIL 3 TO APRIL 8

### 1) INSTRUMENTAL EXAMINATION

Present a list of 10 compositions of different styles and tempos (f. ex. ternary jazz & binary, latin, popular music, personal composition, etc.). This list must contain at least 5 jazz standards. An improvisation for each 10 songs is expected from the candidate.

Bring 5 copies of each song in concert key. All selections must be performed by memory. Candidates will be accompanied by a professional jazz trio.

The list of the repertoire for the examination must be sent with the complete folder and a copy of the scores.

Process:

- 1) the first title will be chosen by the candidate.
- 2) the jury will pick 1 or 2 other titles from the list. If a personal composition is chosen, it can be played either solo or with the professional trio.
- 3) Ear training :
  - A) the candidate will hear an eight-measure harmonic sequence (medium / slow tempo) which will be played twice. He/she will be asked to improvise on this sequence.
  - B) the candidate will improvise on a sustained chord.  
For drummers : creating a groove on a bass line or a pattern played by the professional trio.
- 4) Sight-reading : a „jazz standard“ or „popular music“ composition including a written theme and a harmonic sequence to improvise. For drummers : a binary and a ternary sight-reading.
- 5) an interview with the jury and feedback from the jury will take place at the end of the instrumental examination.

### 2) THEORY EXAMINATION :

Jazz harmony, solfege, rhythm

- 1) Written test :
  - a single melodic line dictation
  - a harmonic dictation with three-note chords – dictation of intervals – identification of modes
  - A harmonic analysis of a standard (excerpts)
  - a harmonic sequence with four-note chords in one tonality (without inversions) ; the chords will contain tensions, but they need not be recognized.
- 2) Oral Test (evaluation will be held directly after the instrumental examination) :
  - a simple melodic line to be sung (eight measures sight-reading)
  - a rhythm sight-reading (eight measures including sixteenth note).

A copy of a theory test from a previous examination is available as an example, at the following address :

[http://www.hemu.ch/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/Admissions/jazz/examen\\_admission\\_theorique](http://www.hemu.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Admissions/jazz/examen_admission_theorique)