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The facts about the Music Foundation Year



Course duration	1 year full-time (except during Hamburg school holidays)
BAföG	Studentloan BAföG, non-repayable
Qualification	“Qualified musician in the field of popular music”
Course purpose	The Music Foundation Year serves the systematic acquisition of professionally applicable basic qualifications in musical practice, music theory, songwriting, arrangement and the basics of music production and digital audio technology. In addition, the course teaches basic methodological and didactic skills that are necessary for activities in music-related teaching and educational environments, as well as for further qualifications in the music profession.
Start of course	1st of October every year
School fees	640 € per month (3% discount by annual payment)
Application deadline	31st of May every year
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Skills in the main instrument- Participation in the entrance examination at the HSM (see p. 2)
Main subject	singing, drums, guitar, bass, piano/keys, saxophone, trumpet, percussion, other instruments on request
Minor subject	Keys/Piano (<i>If piano is the main subject, there is a free choice of minor.</i>)
Further subjects	20 hours per week Harmony & Ear Training, Rhythm & Groove (Rhythmic Ear training), sightreading, Songwriting, Musik Produktion, Band Training - Fundamentals, Stage Performance, Vocal Essentials, Study Hall (The curriculum adjusts depending on the course participants)
Further offers (included in school fees)	
Open Counseling	Selected speakers from the music business give practical insights into topics such as production, artist promotion, songwriting and much more. One of the many networking opportunities.

The entrance exam

The result of this test is not decisive.

It is used to find the entry level for these courses and the suitable Major and Minor lecturers.

The entrance examination consists of three partial examinations and is divided into:

- a written examination in harmony and ear training
- an audition on the main instrument
- an audition in the minor instrument

Entrance Exam	In the period June-July, exact dates see homepage
Fee	70 €
Place	Hamburg School of Music, Feldstr. 66, 20359 Hamburg, 5th floor, Studio 1

Part 1: Written examination in harmony and ear training

1. knowledge of notation in treble and bass clef
2. knowledge of the keys and their accidentals (major and minor)
3. determination and notation of intervals in the octave range
4. determination and formation of triads (major, minor, diminished, augmented, sus4)
5. determination and formation of tetrads (dominant 7, major 7, minor 7, sus7, semi-diminished)
6. functional harmony: determination, formation and stage analysis of cadences in a major context
7. rhythm dictation

Part 2: Examination in the Major subject

1. audition of three pieces of different styles:
 - three pieces from the rock/pop genre (preferably one of them an own composition)

Optionally, these songs can also be performed with own band, with playback or solo.

Part 3: Examination in the Minor subject, usually piano

Audition of a piece from the pop/jazz genre (melody and chords) which shows previous knowledge of the instrument.