

Technical requirements for online entrance exams

ArtEZ Academy of Music Arnhem

Microsoft Teams

Online entrance exams are held via Microsoft Teams.

You are advised to download the Microsoft Teams app, as that enables certain settings that are crucial to broadcasting music.

Turn off noise suppression and [turn on high-fidelity music mode](#). This setting may have a different name in your language.

Teams may sometimes have difficulty with a multiple microphone setup. Have a practice-Teams meeting with a friend or family member before your exam to check if your setup works. We are not able to host the entrance exam on another platform (like Zoom).

If you are a MacOSX user, you will have to download the Teams app or use a different browser than Safari.

Equipment

You will need a camera for your online exam. A webcam or integrated laptop camera is fine. Make sure you are in a well-lit room, and your instrument, hands and face are in frame.

Having a quality microphone is beneficial to your audition. Try to borrow one if you don't own a decent microphone.

Using an ethernet cable instead of WiFi will greatly improve your internet connection. These cables are cheap and provide a more stable connection.

Playing a backing track (for Jazz & Pop applicants only)

During your entrance exam you will most likely be asked to perform an improvisation over a backing track. The backing track will be sent to you via e-mail **during** the exam. Please think about how you will play this backing track in advance.

For the best result use a decent (portable) speaker, if you don't own one and cannot borrow one you may play it from your laptop. Make sure (in advance of your exam!) the microphone is picking up background music, and you can hear still it while you play/sing.

For vocalists: If you don't have a speaker available, you can play the track from your phone and hold the phone close to your microphone.

Good luck with the preparations!