

Advanced Studies

Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Music Composition



Destination

The *Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Music Composition* is a continuing education specialization (post-diploma degree) aimed at musicians who wish to broaden their knowledge of different aspects of composition and to enhance their understanding of the profession through the use of adequate analytical instruments.

Duration

The duration is **2 years** (4 semesters).

Applications

Applications are open until **June 30**.

Teachers

The composition teacher is Mr Nadir Vassena.

Admissions criteria

Candidates may be admitted if they meet the following criteria:

- have finished a Bachelor's or Master's degree;
- have submitted a complete application dossier;
- have successfully passed their admissions examination. For the admissions examination candidates must submit a series of compositions of their own and, if desired, analytical work related to their work and/or their profession;
- have successfully passed an admissions interview.

Costs

The programme costs **CHF 9'500**, that correspond to the following fees:

Registration fee	CHF 250
Semester administrative fee	CHF 250
Semester fee	CHF 2'000
Final exam fee	CHF 250

Structure

Participants will receive 25 sixty-minute lessons per year with the composition teacher. Lessons may also be organized in intensive monthly sessions for those participants who have a busy professional or family life. Furthermore, participation to a selection of seminars/activities, as well as sitting the final exam is mandatory. For their final exam, participants must submit a minimum of 3 compositions of their own targeting different instrumental ensembles and deliver a final lecture on their compositional process.

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The course leads to the acquisition of **60 ECTS** credits, divided as follows:

Composition	25 ECTS per year
Seminars/Activities	4 ECTS
Final Exam	6 ECTS

Title

At the end of their studies, participants will receive a *Master of Advanced Studies SUPSI in Music Composition* diploma, under the condition that they:

- have acquired all required ECTS credits;
- have successfully sit the final examination.

The University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) and the titles that it awards are recognized by the Federal Government according to the law relating to Professional University Schools, 2 October 1995 and subsequent revisions.

This title is not a professional qualification and does not qualify holders to teach in public schools in Switzerland.

Regulations

Participants must observe the Study Regulations of the University of Music. The University of Music reserves itself the right not to open the course in particular circumstances.

Suspending or terminating participation

During their studies, participants may suspend or terminate their studies.

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