

XIV. Admission of Foreigners and Stateless Persons to Study at Kharkiv State Academy of Culture (KhSAC)

1. Admission of foreigners and stateless persons to institutions of higher education is carried out in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine: “On Higher Education”, “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”, “On Foreign Ukrainians”, “On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection”, and “On Establishing Additional Legal and Social Guarantees for Citizens of the Republic of Poland Who Are Staying on the Territory of Ukraine”; the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated September 12, 2018, No. 729 “On Access to Higher Education for Certain Categories of Persons”; the Procedure for Organizing Admission to Institutions of Vocational (Vocational-Technical), Professional Pre-Higher, and Higher Education of Ukraine and for the Study (Internship) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons Using the Unified Interagency Information System of Ukraine for Foreigners and Stateless Persons Wishing to Study in Institutions of Vocational (Vocational-Technical), Professional Pre-Higher, and Higher Education of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 28, 2024, No. 758; the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated November 1, 2013, No. 1541 “Certain Issues Regarding the Organization of Admission and Study (Internship) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on November 25, 2013, under No. 2004/24536; and the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated December 2, 2019, No. 1498 “On Approval of the Procedure for Establishing Quotas for Higher Education for Foreigners and Stateless Persons Within the Limits of the State Order According to International Treaties of Ukraine”, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on February 10, 2020, under No. 153/34436.

Citizens of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Belarus, and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea who do not have a permanent residence permit in Ukraine are admitted to study only with individual permission from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

2. Foreigners and stateless persons, including stateless individuals who have applied for refugee status, persons seeking protection in Ukraine and who have been issued a Certificate of Application for Protection in Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as “foreigners”), may obtain higher education at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities, unless otherwise provided by international treaties of Ukraine ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, by law, or by agreements between higher education institutions on international academic mobility.

Admission of foreigners and stateless persons, including foreign Ukrainians who permanently reside in Ukraine, citizens of the Republic of Poland, persons recognized as refugees, and persons in need of additional protection, to state-funded study places is carried out in accordance with Clause 6 of Section III of these Rules.

Admission of other categories of foreigners to Kharkiv State Academy of Culture (KhSAC) for state-funded study places is carried out within the quotas established for foreigners.

Admission of foreigners to study for bachelor's, master's, and Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Arts degrees is conducted under accredited educational programs

(Appendix 6). KhSAC may also admit foreigners for study in preparatory programs, including state language and/or language of instruction courses.

3. Admission of foreigners to study may be conducted either in person or remotely. Enrollment of foreigners is carried out using the Unified Interagency Information System of Ukraine for Foreigners and Stateless Persons who wish to study at institutions of vocational (vocational-technical), professional pre-higher, or higher education in Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the “Unified System”).

The validity period of the electronic invitation to study, issued through the Unified System, is no more than six months from the date it is certified with the electronic qualified seal of KhSAC or the qualified electronic signature of an authorized representative of KhSAC.

Invitations to study issued via the “Electronic Journal” Automated System of the state enterprise authorized by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine remain valid until April 1, 2025, inclusive.

Foreigners are eligible to participate in remote admission if they: have received an electronic invitation to study, have received a package of information and consultation support services (if the invitation was issued via the “Electronic Journal” Automated System), and have completed the procedure for legalization of their educational documents in the country of issuance. This includes legalization by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country, and legalization at the consular office of a Ukrainian diplomatic mission abroad (either consular legalization or apostille).

To organize remote admission of foreigners for higher education or for preparatory programs (including study of the state language and/or the language of instruction), KhSAC conducts identity verification and entrance examinations for foreigners remotely, with mandatory video recording (including screen recording of the applicant's device). The video recording of the entrance exam is stored for five years at KhSAC, and a link to this recording is entered into the Unified System.

In case of remote admission, a foreign applicant must send legalized or notarized copies of their previous education documents to KhSAC by postal mail.

Upon first crossing the Ukrainian state border and arriving at KhSAC, the foreign student must personally submit the original documents.

4. Enrollment of foreign applicants for study at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities may be carried out by institutions of higher education:

- 1) twice a year (until November 1) within the admission periods defined by the Admission Rules, for obtaining degrees of Bachelor, Master, or Doctor of Philosophy / Doctor of Arts;
- 2) throughout the year for study in preparatory programs.

Enrollment of foreigners to the corresponding level of higher education is carried out on the basis of a document confirming the previous level of education, based on the results of an entrance exam for foreigners in designated subjects and the language of instruction. Admission also depends on the academic rights to continue education as granted by the education document issued in the country of origin, and on the academic

performance scores that qualify the applicant to proceed to the next level of higher education according to the legislation of the country that issued the degree (qualification).

The higher education institution calculates the applicant's scores/grades based on the document confirming the previous level of education and sets a minimum required score/grade threshold in general education subjects for which entrance exams for foreigners are conducted.

5. Enrollment of foreign applicants to study at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities may be carried out by KhSAC:

- 1) until November 1 – for obtaining the degrees of Bachelor, Master, or Doctor of Philosophy / Doctor of Arts;
- 2) throughout the year – for study in preparatory programs.

KhSAC calculates the applicant's scores/grades based on the document confirming the previously obtained level of education and establishes the minimum required score/grade in general education subjects for which entrance exams for foreigners are conducted.

Admission of foreigners to study for a Bachelor's degree is carried out on the basis of the document confirming the previously obtained level of education, based on the results of the entrance examination for foreigners in designated subjects (creative competition) and the language of instruction. Admission is also based on the academic rights to continue studies granted by the educational document from the applicant's country of origin, and takes into account academic performance scores that entitle the applicant to pursue the next level of higher education in accordance with the laws of the country that issued the document.

Speciality	Entrance exam for foreigners
1	2
B1 Audiovisual art and media production B 6 Performative Arts	Entrance exam for foreigners (language of instruction (Ukrainian/English) and creative competition)

Enrollment of foreigners for a bachelor's degree is carried out as the entrance exams for foreigners are passed from July 01, 2025 to October 31, 2025.

6. Admission of foreigners to study for a Master's degree is carried out based on the document confirming the previously obtained level of education, the results of an entrance examination for foreigners in designated subjects and the language of instruction, as well as on the basis of the academic rights to continue studies granted by the educational document from the applicant's country of origin. Additionally, the academic performance scores that qualify the applicant to pursue the next level of higher education are taken into account, in accordance with the legislation of the country that issued the educational qualification.

Speciality	Entrance exam for foreigners
1	2
B1 Audiovisual art and media production B5 Musical Art B 6 Performative Arts C4 Psychology	Entrance exam for foreigners (language of instruction (Ukrainian/English) and speciality)

Enrollment of foreigners for a master's degree is carried out as the entrance exams for foreigners are passed from **July 01, 2025** to **October 31, 2025**.

7. Admission of foreigners to study for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Doctor of Arts degree is carried out based on a document confirming the previously obtained level of education (a specialist qualification level or a master's degree), based on the results of an entrance examination for foreigners in the chosen specialty (within the scope of the academic program for a specialist or master's degree) and the language of instruction.

Admission is also based on the academic rights to continue studies granted by the educational document from the applicant's country of origin, and takes into account the academic performance scores that entitle the applicant to proceed to the next level of higher education, in accordance with the legislation of the country that issued the qualification.

Speciality	Entrance exam for foreigners
1	2
B5 Musical Art B 12 Cultural Studies and Museology B13 Library, information and archival affairs	Entrance exam for foreigners (language of instruction (Ukrainian) and speciality)

Enrollment of foreigners for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Art is carried out as the entrance exams for foreigners are passed from **September 03, 2025** to **October 31, 2025**.

8. All categories of foreigners admitted to study are enrolled at Kharkiv State Academy of Culture (KhSAC) based on official enrollment orders. The confirmation of study status may be provided in the form of a certificate generated in the Unified State Electronic Database on Education (USEDE).

9. KhSAC's requirements regarding the compliance of foreign applicants who arrive in Ukraine for the purpose of study with the relevant Procedures and these Admission Rules, as well as the deadlines for submitting applications and documents, conducting entrance exams for foreigners, and enrollment procedures, are specified in the Admission Rules and published on the official KhSAC website: **www.ic.ac.kharkov.ua**.

10. Submission of applications and documents by foreign applicants is conducted during the following periods: for Bachelor's and Master's degrees: from **July 1, 2025** to **October 31, 2025**; for the Doctor of Philosophy / Doctor of Arts degrees: from **September 3, 2025** to **October 31, 2025**; for preparatory programs: **throughout the year**.

11. Foreigners who are granted state scholarships under international treaties, national programs, or other international obligations of Ukraine are admitted for study within the established quotas for foreigners, based on referrals from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

12. Foreigners arriving in Ukraine to participate in academic mobility programs or to pursue higher education under joint educational programs agreed upon between KhSAC and a foreign higher education institution are admitted to study in accordance with the relevant contractual obligations of the participating institutions.

13. Foreigners and stateless persons, including foreign Ukrainians who permanently reside in Ukraine, persons recognized as refugees, and persons in need of additional protection, have the right to obtain higher education on equal terms with citizens of Ukraine, including at the expense of the state budget, except in cases specified by the Constitution of Ukraine, laws of Ukraine, or international treaties ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Foreign Ukrainians, whose status is confirmed by a Certificate of a Foreign Ukrainian (except for those who permanently reside in Ukraine), may be admitted to state-funded education within the established quotas for foreigners, based on the entrance examination for foreigners in the subjects specified by these Admission Rules

14. Language component of the entrance examination for foreigners (in Ukrainian or English) aims to assess the level of language proficiency of applicants who are foreign citizens or stateless persons, in order to ensure high-quality training of specialists from among these groups.

During this part of the exam, foreigners and stateless persons must demonstrate an appropriate level of linguistic, communicative, and sociocultural competence.

In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), the entrance exam in the language of instruction (Ukrainian/English) includes the assessment of all types of language skills (listening, reading, writing, speaking).

Language component of the entrance exam for foreigners (Ukrainian/English) who enter KhSAC for a bachelor's degree provides three subtests for a comprehensive assessment of the level of formation of language, speech and sociocultural competencies:

- grammar subtest – assessment of knowledge of grammatical structures;
- a written subtest on textual material within the framework of professional activity (type of speech activity - annotation of a scientific text);
- an oral subtest based on professional content and taking into account the needs of educational and professional communication (type of speech activity - speaking, an interview on the topic of future scientific research).

The language component of the entrance exam for foreigners (Ukrainian/English) who enter KhSAC for a master's degree provides three subtests for a comprehensive assessment of the level of formation of language, speech and sociocultural competencies:

- subtest for possession of grammatical material;
- a written subtest on textual material within the framework of professional activity (type of speech activity - annotation of a scientific text);
- an oral subtest based on professional content and taking into account the needs of educational and professional communication (type of speech activity - speaking, an interview on the topic of future scientific research).

The language component of the entrance exam for foreigners (Ukrainian language) who enter KhSAC for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Art provides three subtests for a comprehensive assessment of the level of formation of language, speech and sociocultural competencies:

- subtest for possession of grammatical material;

- a written subtest on textual material within the framework of professional activity (type of speech activity - annotation of a scientific text);
- an oral subtest based on professional content and taking into account the needs of educational and professional communication (type of speech activity - speaking, an interview on the topic of future scientific research).