



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in Fei Tian College. Fei Tian College welcomes all aspiring and qualified students to apply for its graduate degree programs -- the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Classical Chinese Dance and the Master of Music (MM) in Performance. The College is looking for outstanding students with strong artistic backgrounds, professional qualities and the potential to become leaders in their field, and the passion for facilitating cross-cultural communications through the arts.

Overview of the Graduate Admissions Process

Admission to the graduate program is divided into two stages. Applicants submit a completed and signed graduate application package for the pre-screening stage. Those who pass the pre-screening stage are invited to a live audition, with the final decision on admission based primarily on the live audition.

Fei Tian College strives to provide various forms of financial aid to students who are talented and motivated to pursue studies at Fei Tian College but who demonstrate a genuine need for additional financial support. All scholarships are awarded competitively based on both academic and artistic merit and need. Scholarship decisions are made at the same time as the admissions decisions.

Important Deadlines

Graduate application packages are accepted on a rolling basis each year. Decisions on graduate admissions and financial aid are made twice a year – February 1 for May admission and June 1 for September admission. Applicants must specify the term they wish to enroll for on their application.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

General admissions standards for all degree-seeking graduate students include the following:

- **A baccalaureate or professional degree** (or equivalent foreign credential) from an accredited institution of higher education in the US or a recognized international institution of higher education, earned by the expected date of entry into the graduate program.
- **A GPA of 3.0 or higher** (on a 4.0 scale) in all prior undergraduate and graduate course work. If your undergraduate or graduate GPA is below 3.0 or if your degree is from an unaccredited college or university, please submit **standardized test scores**, such as the GRE, GMAT, or EPP.
- **Adequate preparation and potential for professional success** in the proposed art form. Creative ability and the potential for professional success are significant factors for admission.
- **Proof of English language proficiency**, required for international applicants who have not studied at an undergraduate level or employed professionally for more than two years, in an institution/company where English is the primary language. (See details on the next page.)
- **A passion** for the unique art forms at Fei Tian and for facilitating cross-cultural communications through those arts.
- **The ability and desire** to collaborate with other artists in a creative environment.

Chinese language proficiency is desirable but is not a required standard for admissions, though students should expect to learn any necessary Chinese needed for their program studies.

In addition to these general admissions standards, each degree program has its specific criteria for applicants.



INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Classical Chinese Dance

The MFA program in classical Chinese dance at Fei Tian College is designed for dancers who have completed undergraduate studies and systematic training in classical Chinese dance. The intention of the program is to accommodate seasoned artists, who wish to further cultivate their study of Chinese dance within the areas of choreography, pedagogy, theory, and/or performance.

In order to be admitted into the MFA Program, the candidate must exhibit, in addition to the general admissions standards:

- Prior professional training or extraordinary potential in classical Chinese dance.
- Professional experience in the performance, production, choreography, and/or teaching of classical Chinese Dance.
- Experience or a keen interest in cross-cultural communication through dance.
- Competency during live audition, to show one's artistic potential and aptitude as a dancer.

Master of Music (MM) in Performance

The Fei Tian College MM Program is designed for students who have received undergraduate training in an applied instrument or vocal studies, have had performance experience, and are interested in advancing their musical knowledge and skills as well as to broaden their artistic experience in the integration of classical Western and Chinese music.

In order to be admitted into the MM Program, a successful candidate must exhibit, in addition to the general admissions standards::

- Prior professional training in an applied instrument or vocal studies
- Passing pre-requisite exams in aural skills, music theory, music history, and keyboard, or completing remedial courses
- Experience in solo performance, ensemble performance, music composition, and/or music teaching
- Experience or proof of keen interest in cross-cultural communication through music
- Music competency during live audition, to show one's aptitude as a musician.

THE AUDITION

As part of the graduate admissions process, applicants who pass the pre-screening stage will be invited to a live audition. The live auditions normally take place at the Fei Tian campus in New York at designated times throughout the year.

For MFA Program applicants, the audition begins with taking a condensed 90-minute class in Classical Chinese Dance technique before a panel of faculty members. If the applicant passes the first part of the audition, s/he will be asked to perform a short solo dance piece (no longer than three minutes) that the applicant has learned or choreographed. Music used for solos must be prepared in advanced and should be playable from an mp3 player or similar device.

For MM Program applicants, the audition consists of four parts, not to exceed 30 minutes in total: (1) performance of a musical work of the applicant's choice that demonstrates the applicant's highest level of skill; (2) performance of a work of a contrasting character, of the applicant's choice; (3) performance of a required work (the list of required works to be made available about a month before the audition); and (4) performance of a sight-reading excerpt. The Department of Music shall provide a piano accompanist for the audition. Percussion and vocal applicants should inquire about special audition requirements.

Applicants will be notified of the details—including the date, time, venue, list of required works (for MM applicants), and the audition day agenda—about a month in advance when the pre-screening results are announced. A typical audition day consists of the audition, interviews with the graduate faculty, and a campus tour. The audition day activities provide an opportunity for the applicant to better understand the unique features of the graduate curriculum and campus environment at Fei Tian, and the level of commitment



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required to successfully complete the program.

THE GRADUATE APPLICATION PACKAGE

A complete graduate application package should contain the following materials:

- Completed and signed Graduate Application for Admission form
- Non-refundable application processing fee of \$75. This fee can only be waived by an appropriate school official
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education the applicant has attended
- Proof of English language proficiency for international students through one of the following: TOEFL or IELTS official score reports, an official transcript verifying completion of secondary education in which English is the primary language of communication, or a report from a valid English Language School verifying completion of course level. In the case that the documentation is not available, the applicant may request the College to arrange a phone or in-person interview to assess the applicant's English language proficiency
- Optional proof of Chinese language proficiency for non-native Chinese speakers, such as HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) or TOP (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language)
- Curriculum vitae (CV) detailing the applicant's educational background, scholarship(s), experience in dance or music, any professional experience and/or public leadership, accompanied by a portfolio of previous professional work (if applicable)
- Well-developed personal essay of 500 to 1,000 words that explains the applicant's focus, artistic vision, and objectives in dance or music
- Two recommendation letters from qualified academic or professional personnel on the applicant's artistic and/or academic strengths
- Pre-screening video of solo dance or music performance:
 - Video must be recorded within six months of the date of application as marked on the application form
 - If an application is submitted through regular mail, the submitted videotape or DVD should be clearly labeled with the applicant's full name and the repertoire performed therein
 - Electronic file submissions may be made online or via e-mail, but the file size must not exceed 10MB if attached in email
 - *For MFA Program applicants only:* applicants must submit a video (video file or DVD) of their performance in classical Chinese dance with a total playing time of approximately 15 minutes
 - *For MM Program applicants only:* applicants must submit an audio-video recording (audio-video file or DVD) of their performance with a total playing time of approximately 15–20 minutes
- Any additional supporting artistic or creative materials the applicant thinks will help the admissions committee judge the applicant's artistic background, creativity, and/or potential
- Photograph of the applicant (4"x 4"; digital format).

Graduate application forms and accompanying instructions are available on the College website: www.feitian.edu as well as from the Office of Admissions and Records.

The information submitted in the graduate application package must be truthful and reflect the applicant's own work and experiences. The application must be completed **in English** unless otherwise stated, and should be complete in full where possible. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in disqualification of the application.

All information is kept confidential in accordance with federal FERPA regulations.

Application fees are not refundable and all application materials are non-returnable. Therefore, applicants are requested to keep a



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photocopy of their application form and to send only duplicates of all other materials in the application package.

Completed application packages should be sent to:

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Or emailed to: graduateadmissions@feitian.edu

IMPORTANT NOTE: *If an applicant does not receive acknowledgement of receipt from the Office of Admissions and Records, within three weeks of application package submission, please contact the office immediately.*

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Fei Tian College admits students of any race, color, gender, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other College-administered programs.