

FAQ

Admission

Can I apply to HEAD without taking the entrance examination?

Absolutely not. All applicants are required to take the entrance examination.

Application

How do I apply for admission?

All applications must be done online at www.head-geneve.ch, under the “Admissions” tab.

BTS

Does a BTS diploma meet the requirements to apply for admission to HEAD?

Yes, a BTS diploma in the chosen field of studies is enough to apply for admission, and to enter directly into the second year.

Costs

How much is the application fee?
CHF 150.

What is the cost of studies?

Tuition fee and educational fee: CHF 575 per semester. Course material, tools and study trip: approximately CHF 1,000 to 2,000 per year.

Diploma

What diplomas are required to apply to HEAD?

BA in Fine Arts and Cinema: upper secondary diploma, upper secondary specialised diploma or higher vocational diploma in the chosen

field of studies.

BA in Interior Architecture, Visual Communication, Fashion Design, Product Design–Jewellery and Accessory: higher vocational degree, upper secondary specialised diploma in the chosen field of studies, general baccalaureate combined with a one-year professional internship or preparatory class. All MA courses: BA in the chosen field of studies.

Examination

What does the entrance examination consist of?
An interview based on the review of a portfolio containing the applicant’s personal works. Details on specific requirements for different courses are available on the HEAD website, under the “Admissions” tab.

Is it necessary to come to Geneva for the examination?
Yes, admission interviews take place in Geneva and all applicants at Bachelor’s level are required to be present. For MA applicants, Skype interviews can be arranged in exceptional circumstances. *If I have completed the*

preparatory courses, do I still have to pass the examination?
Yes, all applicants are required to pass the entrance examination.

If I have completed a BA at HEAD, do I still have to pass the examination for entry to the MA programme?
Yes, all applicants are required to pass the entrance examination.

Examination results

When are examination results announced?
Examination results are announced within three weeks after the interviews, via individual e-mail to the applicants.

Internships

If I have a general baccalaureate, can I do an internship instead of a preparatory course before applying for the examination?
Yes, a recognised professional internship in the chosen field of studies of a minimum duration of 9 to 12 months may replace the preparatory course for the entrance examination for the BA in Design.

Are internships required during studies at HEAD?

Yes, BAs in Fashion Design and Product Design/Jewellery and Accessory include a mandatory internship, during the second year.

Languages

What level of proficiency is required?
At BA level, the majority of lessons are given in French and a good grasp of the language is required, even if some teachers are willing to interact in English orally or in writing.

At MA level, lessons are given in French and in English and students must have a good grasp of both languages. Students can then choose to express themselves in either English or French, orally and in writing.

Other questions

Who can I talk to for questions relating to admission conditions?
The Office of Studies of HEAD is available for questions on +41 22 388 51 03 (Design) and +41 22 388 58 23 (Fine Arts and Cinema) every morning.

Part-time

Can I study part-time at HEAD?
No, studies are full-time. The workload (in and out of class) leaves a little time for small jobs on the side, but not for a half-time job, for example.

Portfolio

What should the portfolio include for the admission examination?
Details about the portfolio’s expected content are available on the HEAD website, under the “Admissions” tab → PDF document entitled ‘Admission conditions and procedures’.

Does the portfolio have to be sent or brought to HEAD before the examination?

At BA level, only applicants for Cinema need to send their portfolio in advance; all other applicants bring their portfolios on the day of the interview. At MA level, the portfolio must be sent in advance. Please refer to the HEAD website for more details, under the “Admissions” tab → PDF document entitled “Admission conditions and procedures”.

Preparatory courses

Where can I get information for the preparatory courses?
For the canton of Genève: CFPAA, 2 rue Necker, 1201 Genève. Please refer to the HEAD website for more details, under the “Studies and Research” tab.

Scholarships

Where should I apply for financial help?
Swiss nationals: contact the Office for scholarships in your canton of residence. Details are available on the HEAD website, under the “For students” tab.

Second year

Is it possible to enter directly into the second year (BA level)?
Yes, applicants who have already completed a year of studies in a school of art and design at an equivalent level and who have received a BTS or a university degree may submit a request and follow the special procedure to apply for the entrance examination. Details are available on the HEAD website, under the “Admissions” tab.

Self-educated

Can I apply to HEAD without a diploma?
Yes, if applicants are aged 25 or more and present a portfolio that demonstrates an exceptional creative talent, it is possible to apply for BA courses. Special conditions are available on the HEAD website, under the “Admissions” tab.

Tuition fees

How much is the tuition fee?
Tuition fees cost CHF 500 per semester. A further CHF 75 administrative fee must be added.

Can I be exempt from tuition fees?
No, no exemption will be granted.

Visits at HEAD–Genève

Is it possible to visit HEAD–Genève?
Yes, it is possible to visit the school during the open days that take place on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January 2018. Details are available on the HEAD website.