

GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES FOR POSTGRADUATE SINGING STUDIES OF THE UMFC BRANCH IN BIAŁYSTOK

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

General informations

Organiser:

UMFC Branch in Białystok

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Aim of the studies:

- broadening the executive competencies (vocal, acting, stage presence) in the field of opera, oratorical-cantata, chamber repertoire,
- improvement of singing technique,
- developing knowledge of vocal literature, its styles and musical forms as well as executive matters related to the stylistic requirements of the epoch, school and compositional centre,
- perfecting the ability of conscious, independent interpretation of pieces of work considering their stylistics, content and appropriation,
- forming an autonomous artistic attitude during public presentation.

Candidates:

- persons holding a diploma of completion of at least first-cycle (undergraduate) music studies;
 - graduates of foreign universities with a bachelor's or master's degree - a legalized or apostille-bearing diploma or another document of graduation of a higher education institution abroad is required, entitling to undertake postgraduate studies in the country in which it was issued, recognized in accordance with the provisions on the nostrification of diplomas of graduation of higher education institutions obtained abroad or on the basis of an international agreement, as internal to the relevant Polish diploma of graduation of first or second-degree studies;
 - polish citizenship is not required;
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- the language of studies is English or Polish (at the student's request).
- postgraduate studies are paid. The fee for Postgraduate Studies is determined annually by the Rector of the University.

Educational offer:

Date: October 2026 – June 2027 (two-semester studies)

List of classes in the field of solo singing:

- solo singing (individual classes)
- opera lessons (individual classes)
- stage practice (individual classes)

Solo singing lecturers:

Cezary Szyfman, Prof., PhD
 Adam Zdunikowski, Prof., PhD
 Aleksander Teliga, Prof., PhD
 Agnieszka Zwierko-Wiercioch, Prof., PhD

Opera lessons lecturers (pianists – tutors):

Urszula Iżbicka, PhD
 Anna Krzysztofik-Buczyńska, Prof. UMFC, PhD
 Adam Kondratowicz, lecturer
 Halina Teliga, MA

In order to obtain a diploma of completion of Postgraduate Singing Studies, it is necessary to pass all subjects in the study programme. Methods and conditions of crediting are included in the course cards.

Recruitment

- Registration in the IRK system is mandatory and will be available via irk.chopin.edu.pl from June 1, 2026.
- The amount of the fee for the procedure related to admission to postgraduate studies in the academic year 2026/2027 is 250 PLN.
Your account number will be automatically generated after logging into the IRK system.
- Documents necessary for the recruitment process should be sent to the following address: podyplomowe.filia@chopin.edu.pl

Entrance exam:

The entrance exam takes place remotely. Solo singing skills are checked on the basis of the submitted recital recordings composed of the opera and/or oratorical-cantata and/or chamber repertoire - selected according to preferences and interests of candidate - approx. 20-25 min. Required sending of links to audio-video recordings on YouTube or Bilibili to the following address: podyplomowe.filia@chopin.edu.pl

Admission conditions – recruitment documents for foreigners:

1. application for admission to postgraduate studies (according to the template),
 2. personal questionnaire (according to the template),
 3. 2 photographs (size 3 x 4 cm),
 4. a copy of the diploma of completion of first-cycle or second-cycle studies, or uniform master's studies – original for inspection,
 5. obligation to bear the costs of postgraduate studies (included in the application form for admission to postgraduate studies),
 6. a copy of the insurance policy against illness or accidents for the period of
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- education in Poland or a copy of the European Health Insurance Card or a signed certificate of joining the insurance in the National Health Fund immediately after the commencement of education,
7. a copy of a legalized or apostille-bearing diploma or other document of graduation of a university abroad, entitling to undertake postgraduate studies in the country in which it was issued, recognized in accordance with the provisions on the nostrification of graduation diplomas of higher education institutions obtained abroad or on the basis of an international agreement for internships with the relevant Polish diploma of graduation of first or second degree studies or uniform master's studies,

Documents in a foreign language are submitted together with a sworn translation. The compliance with the original documents submitted by the candidate is confirmed by the employee of the UMFC accepting the documentation.

Admission conditions - recruitment documents for candidates from Poland:

1. application for admission to postgraduate studies (according to the template),
2. personal questionnaire (according to the template),
3. 2 photographs (size 3 x 4 cm),
4. a copy of the diploma of completion of first-cycle or second-cycle studies, or uniform master's studies – original for inspection,
5. obligation to bear the costs of postgraduate studies (included in the application form for admission to postgraduate studies).

Further information:

- In addition, a CV containing a brief description of musical education and artistic experience should be submitted.
- Should you choose the postgraduate studies in the field of string quartet, only registrations of the groups that establish string quartet will be accepted.

Timeline:

Registration of candidates in IRK	1-15 June 2026
Paying the recruitment fee	do 15 June 2026
Uploading links to audio-video recordings on YouTube or Bilibili	17 June 2026
Candidate qualification	23 June 2026
Provision of a complete set of documents by e-mail - only for qualified candidates	25 June 2026

Price list:

Postgraduate Singing Studies (*two - semester studies*)

5 000 EUR – fee for one semestr with a minimum of two participants

5 150 EUR – fee for one semestr with one participant

The fees indicated are indicative and are based on the price list for 2025/2026.

Questions regarding substantive issues should be addressed to the Head of Postgraduate Studies at the UMFC Branch in Bialystok:

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