

GUIDELINES MASTER PLAN MUSIC EDUCATION

Students wanting to apply for the master's programme must submit a Master Plan. This plan comprises two main parts:

- a) Personal focuspoints of the master program
- b) Research plan

In the first part you explain your ideas about the master music education program . Your ideas should encompass:

- the reasons why you want to continue your studies after the bachelor's study;
- your educational interests you would like to further develop during your study e.g. focus on particular age groups, particular settings, topics
- the focuspoints of your instrumental/vocal development e.g. certain repertoire, relation to your research
- a short description of how, during your master's studies, you would like to develop, realize and maintain your music education practice. You can also mention your ideas on your personal, present and future activities in music education and performances.

The research component belongs to the core curriculum of the master's programme. The student is free to choose the theme of her/his study project, provided that account is taken of the following criteria:

- the topic should have relevance from a music educational perspective;
- the research should have a practical focus (practitioners research)
- the final presentation should adequately reflect the process that the student has attended for two years.

The research has a central question that should be relevant to current developments in the field of the music education and instrumental/vocal teaching in particular. Based on practical experience and linked to the practical study of relevant literature an original answer is given to the central research question showing a professional knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of music education. The student must demonstrate to have acquired research skills and to be able to present the results to peer experts. The (multimedia) presentation should be written material in the form of a thesis and can be accompanied by other forms such as CD-ROM, video, education, etc.

The final assessment of the research by the examination committee will be guided by questions concerning relevance, project design and content, methodology, argumentation, data gathering and analysis and presentation. The research plan must include the following information:

1. Title of your research;
2. Research question;
3. Motivation/rationale and goal of your research project (for your own education practice as well as for others);
4. Methodology (give an indication of the methods you will use);
5. Research contextualisation (how does the research relate to the state of the art in the field of inquiry and to what others have done?);
6. Research process (including information on sources, media, information obtained from networks of colleagues/experts/teachers, etc.) and planning;
7. Chosen format of documentation (research thesis, additional materials).

The total length of the Master Plan should be no more than 2 A4