

**Royal
Conservatoire
The Hague**

**Study Guide
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Glossary of educational terms

Most of the teaching at the Royal Conservatoire is in English. Some of the terms you will frequently encounter are explained below.

Assessment

The methods of assessment adopted for each course, for example the type and number of assignments on which you will be assessed, are to be found in the course descriptions (see 'Course description' below).

Assessment criteria

The assessment criteria are the factors that the teacher or the committee of examiners uses as the basis for assessing exams. You will find the assessment criteria (*beoordelingscriteria*) for every course, including your main subject, in the Curriculum Handbook. If you have any questions about the assessment criteria, contact the teacher of the course, or in the case of the main subject, your head of department.

Course

The term 'course' is used to designate a subject, for example 'First Year Choir'. All courses together constitute a study programme, successful completion of which leads to a degree.

Course description

A course description is a concise summary of the course, including the content of the course, the learning objectives (*leerdoelen*), the name of the teacher, the number of credits (see EC/ECTS), the method of assessment along with the assessment criteria, and the grading scale (*resultaatschaal*). You will find the course descriptions in the Curriculum Handbook.

Credits

See EC/ECTS.

Curriculum

The curriculum is the content of your programme, i.e., the set of courses which together make up your study programme.

Curriculum Handbook

The Curriculum Handbook contains an overview of the programmes offered by a particular department, together with the accompanying course descriptions. Every department has a Curriculum Handbook for its Bachelor's programmes and/ or its Master's programmes. The assessment criteria for the main subject are also published in the Curriculum Handbook. You will find the Curriculum Handbook on the Programmes pages on the website and at portal.koncon.nl.

Curriculum overview

The curriculum overview for your study programme contains the title and OSIRIS code of the courses in the programme, the year of the study programme in which you are required to follow each course and the number of credits you can earn with it. You will find the curriculum overview on the Programmes pages on the website and in the Curriculum Handbook (also available via portal.koncon.nl).

Degree

You will find an overview of all *programmes* that lead to a *degree* on page 83 of this study guide.

Discipline

Our Bachelor's and Master's programmes embrace various disciplines (*studierichtingen*). Each discipline has its own curriculum and programme objectives (*eindtermen*).

EC/ECTS

An ECTS (sometimes abbreviated to EC) is a study credit (*studiepunt*). Study credits are used to express the study load of a course or programme: 1 ECTS represents 28 hours of study. A four-year Bachelor's programme at the Royal Conservatoire represents 240 ECTS; a two-year Master's programme represents 120 ECTS. The annual study load is therefore 60 x 28 = 1680 hours of study. This can be self-study, but lessons, rehearsals and the like also count towards the study load. ECTS is the abbreviation of European Credit Transfer and

Accumulation System. The system is used by all European institutions of higher education so that the study load of programmes can be compared.

Grading scale

The results you earn for a course are expressed by means of a grading scale. We adopt four grading scales:

- qualifying result: extremely poor, very poor, poor, very unsatisfactory, unsatisfactory, satisfactory, more than satisfactory, good, very good, excellent
- numeric result: from 0 to 10, with a maximum of one figure after the decimal point
- participation result: participation sufficient / participation insufficient
- pass/fail

The grading scale can vary from one course and academic year to another – you will find the relevant grading scale in the course description.

OSIRIS

OSIRIS is the educational registration system used by the Conservatoire to track your results (see also chapter B of this study guide).

OSIRIS code

Every course has a unique code in OSIRIS. You can find this code, in the course description and in your Study Progress Overview.

OSIRIS Student

OSIRIS Student is a system that allows you to monitor your progress with the study programme, register for electives and minors, apply for exemptions and keep track of your study results, all online.

PM & pm

'PM' is short for Practicum Musicae, a study programme for students from Leiden University. In your curriculum overview you might find the term 'pm' attached to a course. This stands for 'pro memorie' and signifies that while that particular course is part of your curriculum, no credits are awarded for it.

Programme objectives

Every programme has programme objectives (*eindtermen*), also referred to as learning outcomes, a description of the minimum that you must know and be able to do by the time you complete the programme. The Conservatoire has formulated programme objectives for the Bachelor and Master of Music for each department, based on the Learning Outcomes of the European Association of Conservatoires (AEC). You will find the programme objectives in the Curriculum Handbook. The individual course descriptions have their own course objectives, but also refer to the relevant programme objectives.

Semesters

The academic year is divided into two semesters: one runs from September to January and the other from February to June. The academic year comprises 34 weeks of individual lessons in the main subject and 36 weeks of group lessons.

Specialisation

A specialisation is an additional component that is offered in some disciplines within a programme. Students wishing to follow a specialisation are required to do a separate audition.

Study programme

Your study programme is the complete set of courses that constitutes the curriculum of your programme. On successful completion of the entire study programme, you will be awarded a degree.

Study Progress Overview

The Study Progress Overview (known by the Dutch abbreviation svo) is a record of the courses you have completed and how many credits you have obtained, as well as the courses that you have still to complete. You will find your Study Progress Overview in OSIRIS Student.

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Foreword

Welcome to the Royal Conservatoire – Academic Year 2026/27!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to a new and inspiring academic year at the Royal Conservatoire The Hague. We are about to embark on a journey filled with stimulating classes, exciting projects, and vibrant collaborations – both within our Royal Conservatoire community and with our partners, from connections within Amare and collaborations through IN.TUNE to the wider local and international professional field.

In January 2026, we officially kicked off our Jubilee year – the year in which the Royal Conservatoire celebrates its 200th anniversary. For us, this date marks more than a milestone. It marks a moment of reflection: on who we are, on what we stand for, and on where we are headed.

The theme of our Jubilee year, *All the World's our Stage*, is both a belief and a calling. It asks us to perform not only on the stages we know, but on all stages, conventional and unconventional alike. It asks us to reach beyond the familiar, to build connections, to be inspired by others, and to inspire in return. This theme does not belong to 2026 alone. It is our mission, and it carries forward into everything we do.

Your studies here are a thorough and purposeful preparation for the professional life that lies ahead. I encourage you to embark on this journey with curiosity, commitment, and an open mind to collaboration and exploration. The Royal Conservatoire is at its strongest when we learn from and with one another; together we move forward.

Above all, make the world your stage – and you will always find an audience. I look forward to sharing this exciting new year with all of you. Welcome to the Royal Conservatoire!

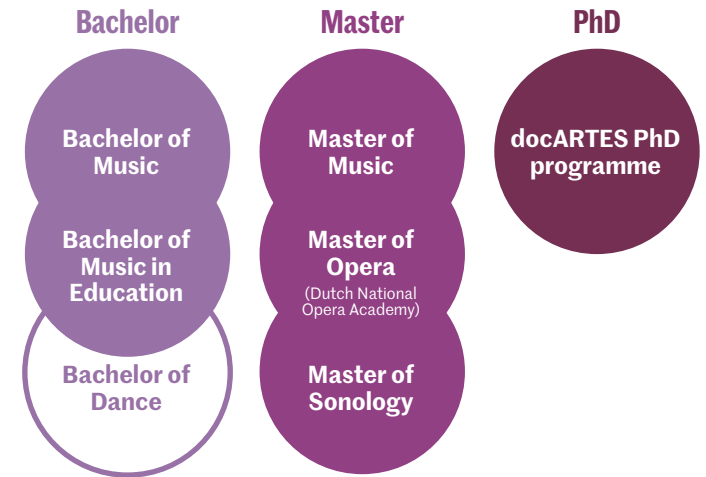
Lies Colman
Director



A. Education at the Royal Conservatoire

A.1 Degree programmes

The Royal Conservatoire offers Bachelor's, Master's and PhD pro-



grammes. The programmes are all listed in the Central Register of Higher Education Programmes (CROHO (in RIO: recognised programme code)).

The Bachelor's programmes include the Bachelor of Music, the Bachelor of Music in Education and the Bachelor of Dance. The Bachelor of Music embraces a variety of disciplines. More information can be found in chapter C.

At Master's level, the Royal Conservatoire offers three programmes: the Master of Music, the Master of Opera (Dutch National Opera Academy) and the Master of Sonology. The Master of Music and Master of Sonology encompass various disciplines and specialisations. Further details can be found in chapter D.

Information on the PhD programme at ACPA can be found in chapter E.

A.2 Non-degree programmes

The Royal Conservatoire offers programmes for young musicians and dancers. You can find more information about the School for Young Talent and the different disciplines at svjt.nl.

The following sub-sections contain information about several other non-degree programmes we offer.

A.2.1 Preparatory Year

Students who cannot be admitted to the Bachelor's or Master's programme because they do not meet the admission criteria can follow a Preparatory Year. During this course, they can follow a study programme generally consisting of a number of main subject lessons and theory lessons to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills. For more information about the preparatory course, go to koncon.nl/preparatorycourse.

A.2.2 Contract Education

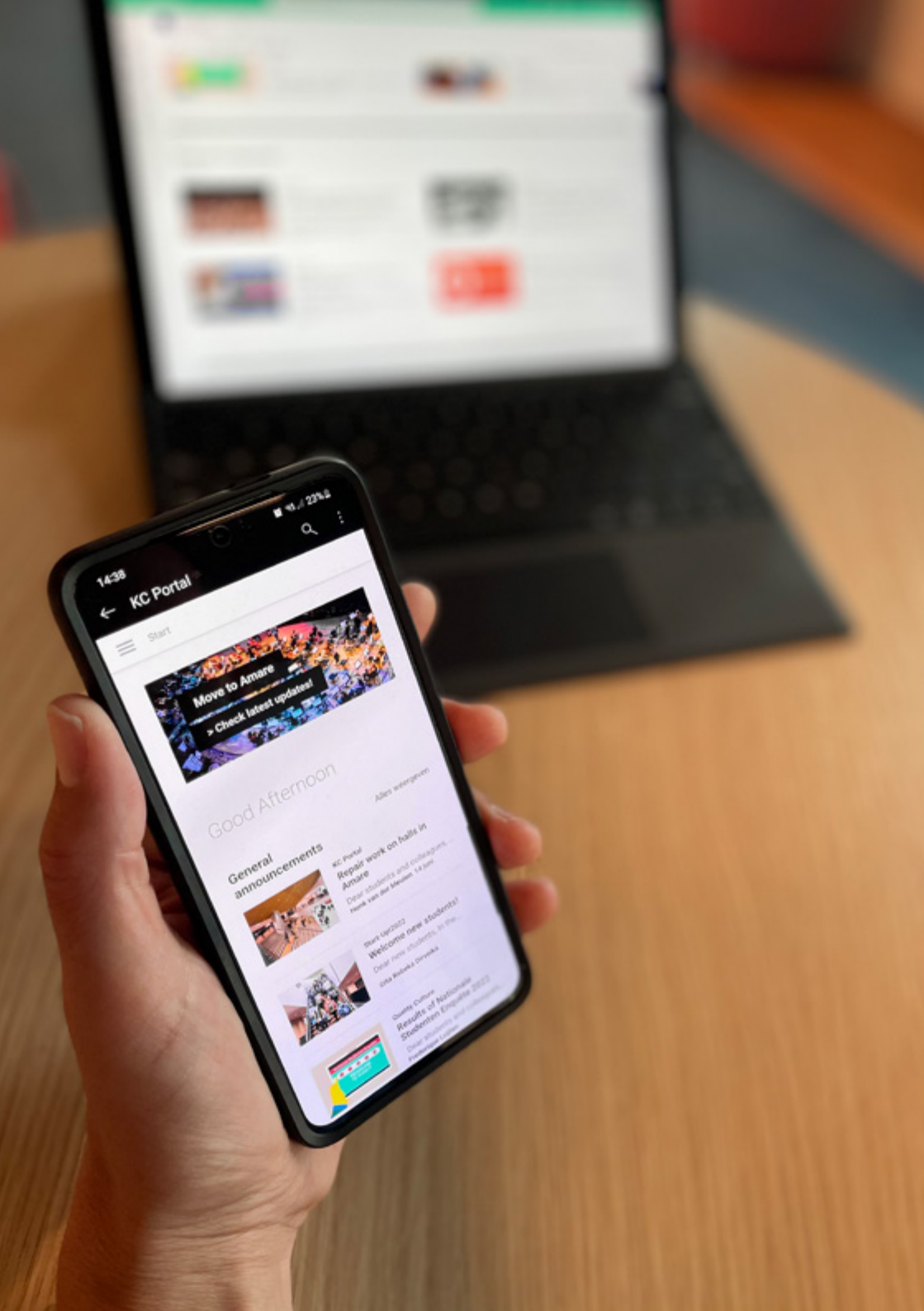
The Royal Conservatoire offers Contract Education for a maximum of one year in the form of courses with incidental lessons at the level of a professional music course but with no certificate or diploma being awarded at the end of the course. These lessons can be individual lessons, group lessons or theory classes. Contract Education is intended for alumni and other musicians, but students enrolled at the Royal Conservatoire who wish to take courses that are not part of their regular curriculum can also sign up. For more information including rates for internal and external students and an overview of the departments that offer Contract Education, see koncon.nl/contracteducation.

A.2.3 Artist Certificate Dance

If you have a Bachelor of Dance degree from the Royal Conservatoire or an equivalent education in dance and a real desire to further develop your professional and artistic skills you can enrol for our one-year dance programme leading to the award of Artist Certificate Dance. You will be part of the Royal Conservatoire Dance Ensemble to gain experience in performing classical and modern repertoire and work with different choreographers.

A.2.4 Artist Certificate Music

Students with a Master's degree can follow a one-year course to deepen their artistic and professional skills. Course participants can focus on specific repertoire or expand their knowledge in a particular subject. The programme includes weekly individual instrumental, vocal or composition lessons of 60 minutes. Depending on your choice, you can participate in ensembles, combos or orchestral projects. The programme leads to an Artist Certificate, which is awarded to candidates who successfully pass a final public presentation assessed by a committee of examiners. Further information about the Artist Certificate can be found at koncon.nl/artistcertificate-music.



B. Where can I find more information?

B.1 Sources, websites and systems

This Study Guide frequently refers to the numerous resources and systems that are available to help you as a student to find information on a daily basis. You need to make sure you have access to all of the sources and systems you need. Please also regularly check your @koncon.nl email account for important messages.

This Study Guide – information for current Bachelor's and Master's students

- General information about the Bachelor's and Master's programmes and research/PhD
- Information about the organisation
- Education and Examination Regulations

ASIMUT - koncon.asimut.net – timetable and booking rooms

- Timetables for individual and group lessons
- To reserve rooms for self-study

Handbooks – portal.koncon.nl

- Bachelor & Master Curriculum Handbooks
 - Curriculum overview
 - Course descriptions
 - Programme objectives
- Bachelor Electives & Minors Handbook
 - Explanation of how, where and when to register for your Bachelor's electives or minor
 - Course descriptions of Bachelor's electives and minors
- Master Electives Handbook
 - Explanation of how, where and when to register for your Master's elective
 - Course descriptions of Master's electives

KC Portal - portal.koncon.nl (browser) or Microsoft Sharepoint app – internal information

- Information about all the departments, services (see 'Services' below), tutors and advisory bodies within

the Conservatoire and about the University of The Arts as a whole.

- Links to relevant online tools such as ASIMUT, OSIRIS, email, the library catalogue and more.
- News, events and important messages from management are posted on the portal, where various forms, curriculum handbooks (see 'Handbooks' above), documents and guidelines can also be found, arranged by department and theme.
- Information on topics such as professional preparation, research, a safe learning environment and specific information for international students.
- Contact details of departments, coordinators and support staff.
- At the beginning of each month, you will receive an internal newsletter in your koncon email with relevant information for you as a student. The newsletter includes links to further details on the portal.

Microsoft Teams – teams.microsoft.com (browser) or Teams desktop/mobile app

- In addition to the KC Portal, to which everyone in the Conservatoire has open access, departments have their own Teams group, which staff, teachers and students of a specific department or course can use to interact or work on online assignments, and find information on current projects, planning, and deadlines, etc.
- You can find course materials for various courses and submit your assignments on Teams.
- Teams also has a (video)chat function.

OSIRIS Student - hdk.osiris-student.nl – study progress

- To monitor your progress within the study programme and to keep track of your study results
- To register for electives and minors and apply for exemptions

Research Catalogue – researchcatalogue.net

- The Research Catalogue is an international online repository for artistic research.
- All master students are required to use the Research Catalogue for the presentations of their research output. In the bachelor, the Research Catalogue is used in selected courses.

Website - koncon.nl – external information

- Agenda of upcoming events (open to the general public)
- News
- Information about all the study programmes and the application procedure for prospective students.

Year schedule – portal.koncon.nl and koncon.nl/contact

- For an overview of the academic year, please go to the KC Portal (under 'About KC').
- The opening hours of the building and the holidays can be found at koncon.nl/contact.

B.2 Support services

A team of staff works every day to ensure that your education runs as smoothly as possible. This section presents an overview, in alphabetical order, of the services provided by the Conservatoire. More information about these services can be found at portal.koncon.nl. Further information about key services, committees and support structures that play an important role in your studies can be found in Chapter F.

Alumni Affairs

- The Alumni Office at the Royal Conservatoire supports students in their work life after their studies.
- The team at the Alumni Office manages the online Alumni Community and coordinates the activities in the alumni programme including events which help students and alumni to connect, learn from each other and network with peers, colleagues and other professionals in the field.
- In addition, the Alumni Office hosts the classes 'Meet the Professionals' in the Bachelor programme, part of the 'Career Skills' courses preparing students for life in the professional practice.

Education Service Centre (Student Administration, Planning, International, Functional Management OSIRIS)

- The staff of the Education Service Centre (ESC) manages the practical aspects of the admission and enrolment of new students, draws up programme timetables in ASIMUT, and ensures that students can keep track of their progress in OSIRIS Student and receive their degree once they have obtained the requisite credits.
- See 'International' below for more information about Team International and Erasmus+.

Finance

- The Finance & Control unit processes all tuition fees in OSIRIS, processes the course and contract fees for the other educational activities and takes care of enquiries from students (studyfees@hdkdenhaag.nl). Cancellations first go through the Educational Service Center; after which the Finance & Control unit provides possible reimbursements of fees.

International

- Team International is formed by the International Students Adviser, the International Relations Coordinator and the Student Administration for incoming students.
- The International Students Adviser supports international students and provides information about visas, residence permits, registration with the municipality, opening a bank account, grants, scholarships, student finance, housing, healthcare & insurance and related matters.
- The International Relations Coordinator supports international mobility projects, outgoing students and staff mobility, and activities in the context of the European Universities Alliance IN.TUNE. See koncon.nl/international.

ICT

- The ICT team will provide you with a koncon account, which gives you access to the following services:
 - Eduroam: Wi-Fi access at most universities across Europe
 - SURFspot: discounted software and other digital services
 - Office365 suite: including Mail, OneDrive, Teams and other applications
 - Printing services (paid)
 - ASIMUT and OSIRIS
- For all essential links, visit: start.hdk.nl.
- If you have any ICT-related questions, you can always send an email to: ICT@hdkdenhaag.nl or visit the ICT office (room 4.54) for hands-on support.

Library

- The library of the Royal Conservatoire is situated on the 5th floor (the *Muziekverdieping*) of The Hague's central library, close to Amare (Spui 68).
- The library staff are there to assist you, answer your questions and provide you with scores, books and digital resources.
- General information, recent news, new additions and access to digital resources can also be found at portal.koncon.nl.

Logistics Service Centre

- The Logistics Service Centre (LSC) includes the Electronics Workshop (EWP), Theatre Technical Services and Educational Logistics. The team supports concerts, projects and educational activities in the Conservatoriumzaal and seven studios, from moving early music instruments to managing large-scale set-ups for events, recordings and livestreams.
- The Electronics Workshop (EWP) provides technical support for concerts and presentations, including sound amplification, video projection, audio and video recording. The team also offers coaching during concerts and projects, lends equipment to support study programmes, and supervises students working on their own technical projects in the workshop.
- The Theatre Technical Services team provides technical support for performances in the Conservatoriumzaal and studios. Their work ranges from creating lighting set-ups to supporting ballet productions and building full stage designs for opera performances.
- Educational Logistics supports events and concerts both inside and outside the Royal Conservatoire. The team transports instruments and equipment, assists with building maintenance, and helps with a wide range of practical tasks, including stage building, repairs and room set-up.

Marketing, Communications and Fundraising

- The Marketing, Communications and Fundraising department is responsible for all affairs related to external and internal communication, and fundraising for special projects, awards and scholarships.
- The department maintains the website koncon.nl, the university's official social media channels and the general information on the portal. Department specific information on the portal is managed by the departments.
- Ticket registration for events within the Conservatoire is also managed by this department.
- On the marketing, communications and fundraising section on the portal, you can find useful documents such as the 'online marketing guide for students', and information about scholarships and instrument loans.
- For tips or questions, feel free to reach out to communicatie@koncon.nl or news@koncon.nl (tips for the monthly newsletter).

Public Services

- The Royal Conservatoire's Public Services department comprises the reception of the Royal Conservatoire, the reception of the School for Young Talent & Dance department and the Reprographic Service.
- Public Services is available to respond to enquiries from students, pupils, teachers, staff and externals. The staff can answer any questions you have on a wide range of subjects. For example, you can approach Public Services for information about access to the building, the location of classrooms or study areas or problems with your entrance pass, to report a malfunction or request a print job, or if you are in need of first aid.

B.3 Instruments

We would like to point out two possibilities that might be interesting for you if you are looking to buy or loan an instrument.

Fonds Koninklijk Conservatorium

- Under certain circumstances, students at the Royal Conservatoire may qualify for an interest-free loan to buy an instrument. The maximum amount of the loan is € 6,000,- and it must be repaid within the period of study.
- For more information, go to koncon.nl/loans. For the conditions and procedures, go to portal.koncon.nl.

Loan of instruments

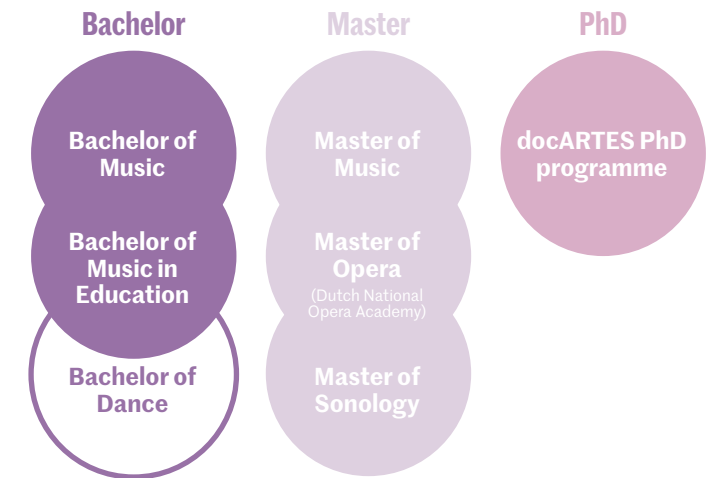
- Students can borrow instruments from the Royal Conservatoire for short periods for projects or curriculum related activities. If you wish to borrow an instrument, you should contact the relevant department's coordinator.
- In exceptional cases, an instrument can be hired from the Royal Conservatoire for a longer period. The maximum hire period is one year of study and the purpose of the arrangement is to give you time to acquire your own instrument (with the help of an external fund or otherwise). Applications must be submitted, together with a statement of the reason for the request, to your own department's coordinator.







C. Bachelor's programmes



The Bachelor's programmes include the Bachelor of Music, the Bachelor of Music in Education, and the Bachelor of Dance. The Bachelor of Music includes a variety of disciplines. Below you will find a short introduction to the Bachelor of Music in Education and the Bachelor of Dance, with references to sources where you can find more information, and more detailed information about the Bachelor of Music.

C.1 Bachelor of Music in Education

The Bachelor of Music in Education (*Docent Muziek*) is a four-year study programme that leads to a first-grade qualification. With this qualification, students can give lessons at every level of education in the Netherlands (and the EU). The programme is taught mainly in Dutch.

The role of the musician as teacher is at the core of the programme. The emphasis is on preparing graduates who combine the ability to play music to a high standard with the skills required to transfer their knowledge to others. The staff

of the Bachelor of Music in Education feels it is important that, as teachers, the alumni see themselves first and foremost as musicians. Therefore, the staff devotes intensive efforts to developing the students' artistry and craftsmanship. Students receive four years of lessons on their main instrument and gain proficiency in arranging for ensembles, composing for special occasions, conducting a school choir and coaching a band. Internships form a common thread throughout the curriculum.

Bachelor of Music in Education students have the option to follow an academic track in collaboration with Leiden University: a Pre-Master's programme in Educational Sciences. Upon successful completion, students can directly transition to a Master's in Educational Sciences at Leiden University.

The Music in Education department is known for the many projects jointly developed and performed by the entire student group. Annual projects include a cultural trip, a choir week and a musical-theatre production, *The Case*.

More information is available in the Curriculum Handbook Bachelor of Music in Education, which can be found at portal.koncon.nl and koncon.nl.

C.2 Bachelor of Dance

Royal Conservatoire Dance is a place where emerging artists develop a strong base, as well as the versatility, curiosity, and resilience required for a career in today's international dance landscape. The programme is grounded in dance education that embraces a dynamic and continuously evolving practice and contemporary dance as a distinct movement language. It prepares students to enter the field of international mixed repertoire companies as collaborative, determined, creative performers, with a strong sense of artistic identity.

Students engage with a wide spectrum of work; from classical and neo-classical pieces to contemporary repertoire closely connected to Nederlands Dans Theater (NDT) as well as various Dutch and international choreographic voices. Through this, they develop the ability to shift between different artistic languages and perform with precision, nuance, and awareness. Workshops with leading contemporary choreographers form an essential part of the curriculum, offering direct insight into current creative processes and professional expectations.

C.3 Bachelor of Music

C.3.1 Introduction

The Bachelor of Music is a four-year programme culminating in a Bachelor's degree as a musician. The Bachelor's programme offers you plenty of opportunity to fully develop your personal strengths on the basis of qualities such as craftsmanship, artistic vision and knowledge of the repertoire. From the second year, the curriculum is expanded with a range of elective courses and minors to allow you to develop additional skills and explore new areas. The programme is taught mainly in English.

Every department publishes a Curriculum Handbook with programme objectives, curriculum overviews, course descriptions, information on assessment and assessment criteria. The Curriculum Handbooks can be found on the Programmes pages on the website and at portal.koncon.nl.

This chapter explains the domains of the Bachelor of Music curriculum and highlights some specific aspects of the curriculum. It also provides information about tutoring and exemptions.

C.3.2 The structure of the Bachelor of Music curriculum

The Bachelor of Music curriculum is divided into two phases: the propaedeutic (year I) and the post-propaedeutic (years II, III, IV) phase. The curriculum encourages you to develop your artistic and creative qualities to the highest possible standard, by offering opportunities to fully develop your craftsmanship, musicianship, and artistic vision. The curriculum includes academic skills and a range of electives and minors, as well as courses in career skills designed to ease the transition from study to a successful mixed professional practice.

The curriculum courses are divided into the following five domains:

1. Artistic Development
2. Musicianship Skills
3. Academic Skills
4. Professional Preparation
5. Electives and Minors

C.3.3 Artistic Development

The Artistic Development domain encompasses all lessons and courses directly related to performing and creating music: the main subject lessons, the various ensemble lessons, group lessons, master classes, student recitals, etc. Students in the

Jazz department also work with a team of external, international teachers from the professional field. For Composition students, the Artistic Development domain also includes the annual Spring Festival. Art of Sound students work on their instrument but also on their listening, recording and production skills and Theory of Music students focus on developing their analysis, aural and keyboard skills. Sonology students create a personal project under the guidance of a mentor and follow courses in a sixth domain: Technological Skills and Knowledge.

Workshop weeks

Every year the ArtScience, Composition and Sonology departments organise a number of workshop weeks with guest teachers. The workshops cover a range of subjects that supplement the curricula and promote the exchange of knowledge between the students in these departments. For more information, check the Curriculum Handbook.

C.3.4 Musicianship Skills

The teaching of music theory focuses on the development of practical and cognitive skills, also known as 'musicianship skills'. These skills are practice based (e.g. improvisation plays an important role) and are important for the professional musician and music teacher. Check the relevant curriculum overview (at koncon.nl or in the Curriculum Handbook) to see which music theory courses are part of your study programme. Students from most departments are required to follow a music theory elective in the third year.

C.3.5 Academic Skills

This domain encompasses courses in basic research and reflective skills, such as the ability to read articles critically and knowing how to write a paper. The courses include Historical Development and Critical Music Studies. The lessons prepare you for writing Programme Notes for your own final presentation in the fourth year.

C.3.6 Professional Preparation

During the Bachelor's programme we prepare you for professional practice with practical courses such as Training Orchestral Parts and courses in didactics such as

Educational Skills. But you will also follow courses specifically designed to prepare you for your future career. These Career Skills courses include Start-Up!, Entrepreneurial Bootcamp: Explore New Playgrounds, Meet the Professionals, and Preparation for Professional Practice. Recurring topics are communication, self-management, artistic identity, and becoming aware of career possibilities.

C.3.7 Electives and Minors

There is a fundamental change in the curriculum in the second year, when the core curriculum is supplemented by an elective component. This means you are able to determine part of the content of your own study programme from the second year onwards.

This elective component consists of a menu of electives and minors. In consultation with your main subject teacher and your tutor, you can choose a number of electives or a minor. The chosen course(s) must represent at least the total number of credits required, as specified in the relevant curriculum overview. You also have the option of following elective and minor courses at Leiden University. Further information about electives and minors, including rules and regulations, and details of how to register for these courses can be found in the Bachelor Electives and Minors Handbook at portal.koncon.nl. For more information about electives at Leiden University, see section G.1 in this Study Guide.

Electives

Electives at the Royal Conservatoire are stand-alone courses with a study load ranging from 1 ECTS to 8 ECTS. There is no entrance exam for these courses. Electives at Leiden University are worth 5 ECTS. You can choose electives year by year.

Minors

A minor at the Royal Conservatoire is a 'mini-study programme' with multiple courses and an entrance exam. A minor usually takes three years and the total course load is normally 18 ECTS (6 ECTS per year). Students who successfully complete a full minor receive a certificate. Students who are continuing or completing a minor in the fourth year are automatically granted an exemption from the External Activities - Career Development Office (CDO) course (see below), a compulsory component of the fourth-year curriculum in most departments.

The following minors will be offered in the 2026/27 academic year:

- Minor Art of Sound
- Minor Chamber Music
- Minor Choral Conducting
- Minor Education
- Minor Education for Composition and Sonology
- Minor Orchestral Conducting
- Minor Wind Band Conducting
- Minor Composition
- Minor Music Theory
- Minor Classical Music
- Minor Early Music
- Minor Early Music - Related Instrument
- Minor Jazz
- Minor Jazz - Second Instrument
- Minor Sonology
- Minor Voice
- Minor Voice Classical Music
- Minor Voice Early Music

Instrumental/vocal minors:

Most instrumental/vocal minors consist of both an instrumental/vocal and a theoretical component. The contact time in the minor is not deducted from the one-to-one lessons in the main subject. Students who are considering choosing an instrumental or vocal minor are advised to consult the teacher of their main subject and the head of the relevant department in good time. Please note that places are limited: students interested in an instrumental/vocal minor need to pass an entrance examination.

Minor Education:

Students who wish to improve their teaching skills can follow the Minor Education from the second semester in Bachelor III. The Minor Education complements the Educational Skills courses in the core curriculum. Students who successfully complete the minor are awarded a certificate. The objective of the Minor Education is to provide students with the skills needed to teach independently in a private practice or in a music school, a cultural institution or elsewhere. You will gain expertise in a specific area by doing a project in the profile of your choice. You will also explore new challenges within the range of music education and participation. Further information about all the minors can be found at portal.koncon.nl.

The Career Development Office (CDO) and your external activities

In the course External Activities – Career Development Office you earn credits for professional activities outside the Conservatoire. You can organise the activities yourself, but also with the help of the Career Development Office (CDO), a key contact point within the Conservatoire for students who wish to take part in concerts and other activities outside the school. The CDO's External Bookings Office (*Podiumbureau*) can help to arrange activities such as participating in master classes or ensemble projects, organising concerts or festivals and making a recording, but also in finding work and internships and arranging venues for concerts outside the Conservatoire. The CDO has also developed a vast online resource on the KC Portal with extensive information on how to start your own professional practice (how to apply to the Chamber of Commerce, information on taxes, etc.), see portal.koncon.nl.

You can choose External Activities – Career Development Office as an elective in the second and third years of the Bachelor's programme (for a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 ECTS per year - see the course description in the Bachelor Electives and Minors Handbook and Curriculum Handbook at portal.koncon.nl). In the fourth year, the course is a compulsory component of the curriculum in most departments (for 6 ECTS) for students who are not continuing or completing a minor. For more information about External Activities – Career Development Office, see the course description in the Curriculum Handbook and at portal.koncon.nl.

C.3.8 Study progress and reflection

Various methods are used during the course to help you become more independent and to provide support when you face important choices or need to reflect.

Personal contact between student and teacher

The individual lessons are an important feature of the transfer of knowledge from teacher to student in music education. Students often consciously choose a particular teacher for their main subject. The one-on-one contact also provides you with a guarantee of personal supervision. Students who wish to change teachers during their studies should not hesitate to contact the head of their department.

Tutors

Students are assigned a tutor at the start of the first year of the course and will continue to receive tutoring for the first three years of the Bachelor's programme (for four years in Art of Sound) as part of the Tutoring course in the curriculum. The tutor's role is to help you to reflect on your studies and to monitor your progress. They do this in two ways:

- By assigning projects or activities from the 'tutoring toolbox' (see below).
- By holding discussions with students, individually or in small groups. During these meetings, the tutor can help to resolve any problems you and other students are encountering in your studies by clarifying the factors you need to consider and the choices and dilemmas you face, and by encouraging you to take appropriate action yourself. You can approach your tutor at your own initiative, but during the year the tutors personally arrange meetings with their students to discuss the progress they are making with their studies on the basis of the activities they have chosen from the tutoring toolbox and the Study Progress Overview. Group meetings are organised at the beginning of the academic year (during Start-Up!) to give the tutors and students an opportunity to get to know each other. Consultations with the tutor are confidential.

The tutoring toolbox is an instrument we use to encourage you to reflect on the progress you are making with your studies. It contains information and assignments designed to improve your study skills, divided into four categories:

1. Foundation (e.g., motivation, health & well-being)
2. Intention (e.g., identifying goals and planning)
3. Attention (e.g., focus while studying)
4. Reflection (e.g., gathering feedback, reflection)

Every year, in consultation with your tutor, you select at least one activity or theme in each category to work on for that year. In this way, you gradually acquire more insight into your habits and your strengths and weaknesses. Self-reflection is not only helpful during the Bachelor's programme, but is also useful preparation for a Master's programme at the Conservatoire, since the capacity for self-reflection is an important criterion for the Master Project Plan that you have to write for a Master's application.

See also the Tutoring course description in the Curriculum Handbook at portal.koncon.nl.

C.3.9 Exemptions

Students who have already followed at least part of a Bachelor's programme elsewhere can request an exemption for one or more courses in the core curriculum. In the case of theory courses, you will first be tested on your knowledge of music theory to determine whether an exemption can be granted. Exemptions requests are approved or rejected by the Exam Committee.

You can request an exemption via OSIRIS Student. **Please note: there are strict deadlines for submitting requests.** For more information, see chapter G of the Education and Examination Regulations in this Study Guide. You can read the complete procedure for requesting exemptions at portal.koncon.nl.

C.3.10 The Education and Examination Regulations of the Royal Conservatoire

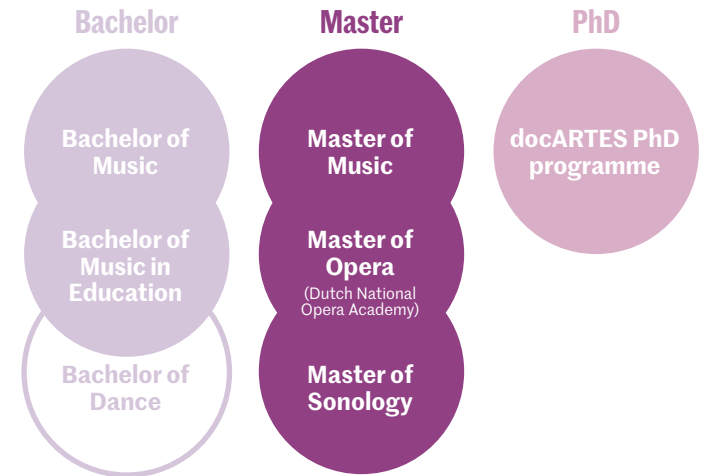
The rules governing exams are laid down in the Education and Examination Regulations of the Royal Conservatoire. The regulations are revised every year in consultation with the Study Programme Committee, the Exam Committee, the directorate and the departments.

The full text of the Education and Examination Regulations of the Royal Conservatoire can be found in chapter I of this Study Guide, on the website at koncon.nl/oeer and at portal.koncon.nl.



D.

Master's programmes



The Royal Conservatoire's ambition is to train students who can play a prominent role in their chosen profession, nationally and internationally. In the Master's programmes, you further develop a personal musical vision and fulfil your aspiration of becoming an enterprising musician with artistic awareness and the ability to reflect on and communicate about your work. In addition to classes dedicated to your artistic development, the programmes offer a range of courses relating to research and professional integration. You also carry out your own project and have opportunities to participate in productions inside and outside the Royal Conservatoire.

The Royal Conservatoire offers three Master's programmes: the Master of Music, the Master of Opera (Dutch National Opera Academy) and the Master of Sonology. Here we present a brief introduction to the Master of Opera and the Master of Sonology, with references to sources where you can find more information, and more detailed information about the Master of Music.

D.1 Master of Opera – Dutch National Opera Academy

The Dutch National Opera Academy (DNOA) is a collaboration between the Conservatorium van Amsterdam and the Royal Conservatoire The Hague. The DNOA is an intensive two-year Master's programme with a wide-ranging curriculum that encompasses every aspect of the training of an aspiring opera artist. Central to the learning trajectory of a DNOA student is the integration of singing, acting and physicality, with a view to producing graduates who are both technically assured and artistically credible. Combining the functions of both an educational institution and a production company, fully staged productions are an indispensable feature of the DNOA's activities. Students are also required to undertake a research project that has particular relevance for their practice as an opera singer.

For more information about the DNOA, see the Curriculum Handbook and opera-academy.nl.

D.2 Master of Sonology

Alongside their artistic activities, students in the Master of Sonology programme carry out an independent research project and write a thesis under the guidance of a mentor from the Institute of Sonology. The Master of Sonology is a two-year programme with two disciplines: 'Sonology' and 'Audio Communication & Sonology'.

For more information about the Master of Sonology, see the Curriculum Handbook and sonology.org.

D.3 Master of Music

The Master of Music embraces the following disciplines and specialisations:

Discipline	Specialisation
Classical Music + instrument	Orchestra Master Contemporary Ensemble Academy Ensemble Percussion Chamber Music Complementary Subject Lied
European Chamber Music Master (ECMAster)	

Jazz + instrument/vocals/composition	Complementary Subject
Early Music + instrument/subject	Complementary Subject
European Master of Early Music (EMEM)	
Vocal Studies: • Classical Music • Early Music	Lied Ensemble Singing
Conducting: • Choral Conducting • Wind Band/Fanfare/Brass Band Conducting • National Master Orchestral Conducting	Complementary Subject (Wind Band / Fanfare / Brass Band Conducting only)
Theory of Music	
Composition	
The Musician Educator	
Music Education according to the Kodály Concept	
ArtScience	
Art of Sound	
New Audiences and Innovative Practice	

Further information about the programmes, disciplines, Master's specialisations and the various curricula can be found in the Curriculum Handbooks and on the website at koncon.nl/en/programmes.

D.3.1 Philosophy Master of Music

The educational philosophy of the Master of Music programme at the Royal Conservatoire is dedicated to developing your individual artistic vision, personal growth, inquisitive and entrepreneurial attitude and independence, and your craft at a high qualitative level. We strive for our alumni to become

excellent artists, and professionals who can reflect on their role in society and navigate the complex realities of today's music profession.

To guide your development, the curriculum is designed in three domains: artistic development – research – professional integration. The programme is aimed at helping you find your place in the professional practice. Therefore, you are constantly encouraged to make your own choices and develop and carry out your own ideas and plans. We challenge you to connect all three domains in a way that is meaningful and relevant to you, so that you can find your 'niche' and prepare yourself for your professional practice.

D.3.2 Master Project

The main goal of the Master of Music programme is for students to develop and complete their own Master Project that will help them realize the professional practice they aspire by integrating the following three domains:

A. Artistic Development

You develop a vision for your artistic development: What characterises you as an artist in terms of motivations, interests and skills? What kind of artist would you like to become? What are your career aspirations? What do you need to work on in order to become this artist? How can your Master Project help you achieve your goals?

You will receive tuition by the teacher(s) of your main subject. Furthermore, you will participate in for example group lessons, projects, and masterclasses.

B. Research

Driven by your artistic vision, you conduct research that helps you reach your professional goals. You can use your research to inform and support your professional integration activity (PIA), or you can use your PIA as a case study in your research. You will attend an introductory course on research in the arts and you will receive individual research supervision.

C. Professional Integration

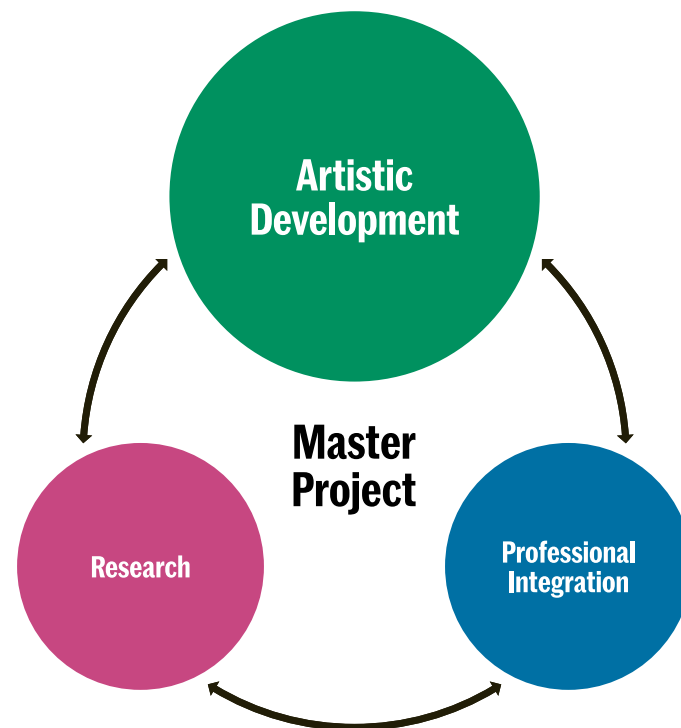
You design, develop and realise an activity that connects you with your desired professional practice and therefore brings you outside the walls of the conservatoire. This

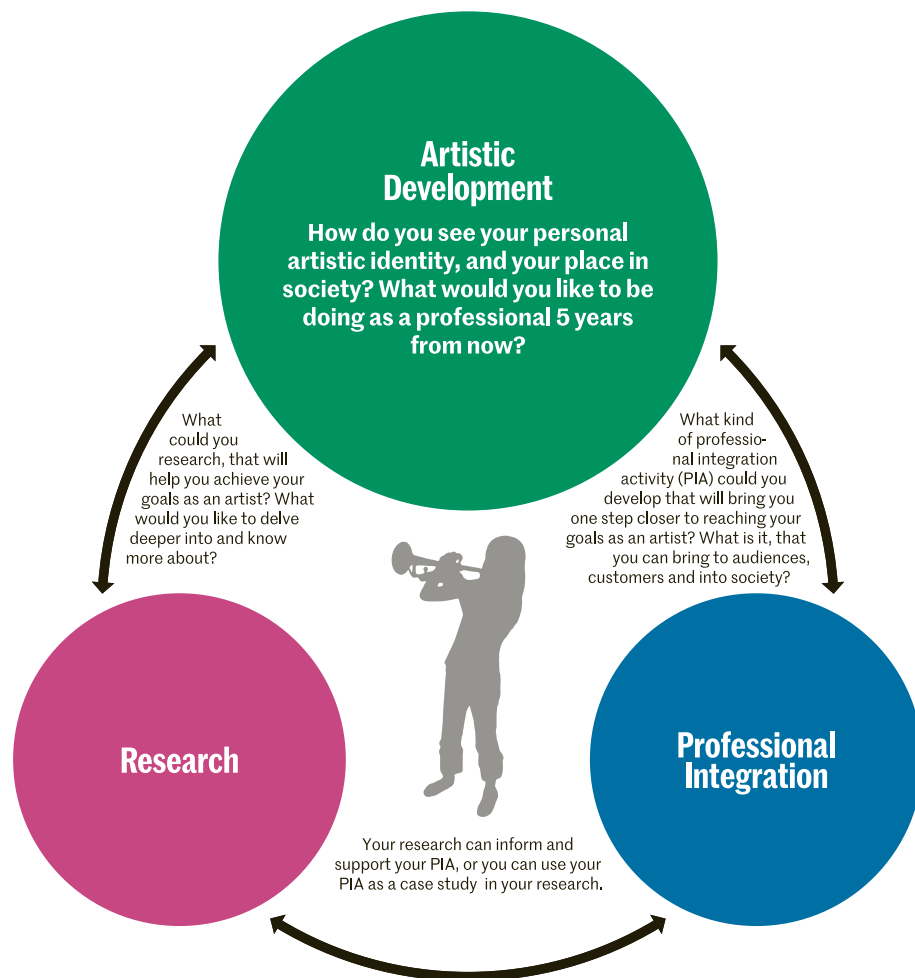
professional integration activity (PIA) is driven by your artistic goals. Your PIA can be used to explore how to put your vision into practice. It can be informed and supported by your research, or it can function as a case study.

You will attend an introductory course on project management during which you will design a plan for your PIA, and you will receive individual coaching by a professional integration coach.

Master Circle

The monthly master circle is a peer learning group where the three domains of the Master Project come together and where you discuss the Master Project as a whole with your fellow students. The circles are organised by focus area. Every circle includes first- and second-year master students and is facilitated by a master circle leader.





D.3.3 Focus Areas

Students will be placed in a master circle which centres on one of the ten focus areas. The distribution of students over the various master circles is based on the Master Project Plans sent in as part of the application process. The focus areas are:

Art of Interpretation

Projects focused on the musical interpretation, contextualisation and performance of musical repertoire, both historical and contemporary. Besides artistic experimentation, research in this area presumes the critical study of various sources

(scores, texts, recordings), which may inform and inspire the musical interpretation and eventually lead to altered approaches of performance practice. Professional integration activities may involve the curation and performance of concert programmes, the recording of an album or the creation of a thematic website, podcast or documentary.

Instruments, Techniques & Technologies

Projects focused on the design, use, role and function of instruments and their playing techniques in musical practice. Research in this area typically requires the application of knowledge about instrument making, acoustics or electronics, or the movement possibilities of the human body. Students in this area show a technically oriented interest, sensibility for sound and eagerness to experiment and develop. Examples are the exploration of historical, alternative or extended playing techniques, the use of microphones and amplification, the relation between instrumental set-ups and acoustics, and live electronics. Professional integration activities may include the development of new musical tools or instrumental prototypes, or instructive methods on playing techniques.

Music in Public Space

Topics related to the possible role and presence of music and artists in society and the public sphere. The research may focus on possibilities for enhancing the relevance of professional music practice in and outside the concert hall, the presence of artists in (social) media, and the interaction with audiences. Professional integration activities may lead to innovative curatorial practices, music projects and artistic profiles in the public sphere. Social engagement, communicative interaction and entrepreneurial attitude are essential in this area. In comparison to focus areas 7 and 8, the visibility and public character of the project outcomes should be central.

Creative Processes

Projects in this area zoom in on the making of music. Possible topics are the role of imagination, musical traditions, the interaction between composers and performers or the role of musical tools and notation techniques in creation processes. Artistic experimentation and documentation of the creative process are essential tools for researching in this area. Professional integration activities require an attitude of openness and curiosity towards all possible actors and elements that may contribute to the creation of music. The perspective of the creating artist is central, but also her ability to situate and contextualise project outcomes in a wider artistic and cultural context.

Beyond Discipline

Projects that deal with the interaction between different disciplines and media. What can music's relation to literature, dance, film, visual arts, theatre, and installation art be? How can the interaction with non-artistic disciplines, new technologies and digital tools inspire musical creation? Research in this area investigates how different disciplines can influence and inform each other, and how the interaction between different media can create new forms of expression. Professional integration activities aim to realise innovative approaches to music experience through the use of multiple media and collaborations beyond disciplines. Curiosity, risk-taking and the willingness to temporarily put on hold the norms and values of common musical craftsmanship are characteristic values in this area.

Musical Training, Performance & Cognition

Topics related to the process of musical learning and performance. The focus may be on musical preparation, avoidance of injuries, musical memory, mental and physical focus in performance, or the improvement of musical training and rehearsal methods. Research in this area is often informed by other fields of knowledge such as (music) psychology, biomedical sciences, physiotherapy, etc. Professional integration activities aim at sharing new knowledge and best practices, in a diversity of formats. Although there are possible overlaps with focus areas 8 and 9, the performer's perspective is central in this area.

Aesthetics & Cultural Discourse

What are the origins of standards, beliefs and values that relate to musical practice? The student's musical practice and personal experience are starting points for a broader cultural and aesthetic inquiry. Examples of topics are the investigation and challenging of sound ideals and historical conceptions of 'the beautiful', 'musical taste' or 'musical quality'. Hot topics regarding cultural identity, environmentalism, decolonization or gender representation in music may also play a role. Students in this area have an affinity for reasoning, discussing and writing. The use of language may play an important role in professional integration activities, in combination with artistic practice.

Co-creative and Educational Settings

Working with people is key in this focus area. Research investigates co-creative, participatory or educational processes. The professional integration activities aim at working with, in and through music with amateurs, children, elderly people or

other participants. The role of the student in these projects is that of a coach, guide, teacher or cultural mediator. The context for research and professional integration activities can be classrooms, elderly homes, participatory art projects or other contexts for social-cultural work. Although the student's artistry remains crucial, projects in this area always consider the participant's experience as a guiding principle in musical activities.

Music Theory & Aural Skills

Topics in this area focus on the combined theoretical and aural understanding of music as an acoustic and cultural phenomenon. Examples are the investigation of tuning systems, scales and modes and their application in music, or the relationship between rhetoric and musical form in baroque music. Projects in this area often aim at systemizing knowledge in order to apply it to music didactics. An analytical and clear methodical approach is characteristic for both research and professional integration activities in this area.

Artistic Knowledge & Scientific Inquiry

This focus area investigates how artistic practice and scientific inquiry can mutually enrich one another. Students explore how scientific concepts, methods and data can inspire musical and artistic creation, and how artistic processes can, in turn, generate new insights, forms of knowledge, or modes of scientific communication. Projects may involve working with scientific datasets to create sound-based interpretations or musical structures; translating scientific models into artistic formats; exploring bioacoustics, sonification, or sensory augmentation; or collaborating with scientists in laboratories, observatories, or field research contexts. Students in this area are curious about empirical inquiry and seek to translate complex scientific systems into meaningful artistic and musical experiences.

The structure described in this section applies to most students in the Master of Music. However, it may differ depending on your discipline. More information can be found in the course descriptions in your Curriculum Handbook at portal.koncon.nl.

You can find the contact details of the members of the master research and professional integration teams at portal.koncon.nl.

D.3.4 CDO credits

Besides developing your own Professional Integration Activity, we ask you to engage with the field of professional work by undertaking various external activities. Master's students can earn credits for professional activities outside the Royal Conservatoire, such as rehearsing with a professional orchestra or ensemble, working for a festival or multimedia production, or putting on their own projects or productions. Naturally, the number of hours devoted to practical work each week will vary for each student. These activities must be separate from your Professional Integration Activity. The Career Development Office (CDO) can help you to find activities outside the Royal Conservatoire and keeps records of the credits you earn.

You can find more information about the Career Development Office at portal.koncon.nl.

D.3.5 The Research Catalogue and Research Prize

The results of artistic research conducted at the Royal Conservatoire are archived and disseminated through the Research Catalogue (see: researchcatalogue.net). You can read more in E.4 on page 49.

An annual prize of € 500 is awarded to the student who has presented the best research project. The winning projects are also used as models of good practice for future students.

D.3.6 Exemptions

Students who have already followed at least part of a Master's programme elsewhere can request an exemption for one or more courses in the core curriculum. Exemptions requests are approved or rejected by the Exam Committee.

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E. Research and PhD

E.1 Research at the Royal Conservatoire: mission and vision

Conducting research is essential for gaining a better understanding of your artistic practice and thereby constantly improving. Research is therefore one of the pillars of the Royal Conservatoire's curriculum, in addition to education and production. We feel it is important that artistic practice is central to this research and therefore refer to it as artistic research. This form of research yields knowledge that cannot be captured in text alone, but can also be expressed in a composition or a performance.

Our vision of research is encapsulated in four points:

1. **Artistic identity**

Conducting research arises from curiosity and is therefore an important tool for creating awareness of your personal motivation, intuition and implicit knowledge. By deepening your knowledge and acquiring expertise, you give direction to the process of creating a strong artistic identity.

2. **Practical development**

Conducting research creates a platform that enables you to critically review and evaluate existing practices. Where research is conducted, there is room for experimenting and taking risks.

3. **Cooperation**

Research promotes collaboration between students and their teachers and between students themselves. Research encourages a dialogue between departments, making us aware of our relationship to others. This dialogue can lead to joint projects and a shared research agenda.

4. **Development of the Conservatoire**

Research can keep us in touch with the history of the Royal Conservatoire as an institute and the knowledge it embodies. Students can build on that history to make connections with the issues facing society today in their research. The research carried out at the Royal Conservatoire enables it to make its mark in a changing world.

E.2 Research at the Royal Conservatoire: embedding research in education

We are convinced that conducting research is very important, both for students and for staff members. Accordingly, the Bachelor's and Master's curricula both contain a substantial research component, while teachers are also encouraged to engage in research projects.

Students in the **Bachelor's programme** learn the basic research skills that they will need later in their career as a musician. These skills include the ability to reflect critically on their own work and the work of others, to review articles, to write short papers and to present their research to an audience. Further information about research in the Bachelor's programme can be found in chapter C.

Research occupies a prominent position in the **Master's programme**. For two years students carry out research in their own area of interest for their Master Project. Students present the results of their research during the annual Research Symposium. Further information about research in the Master's programme can be found in chapter D and at portal.koncon.nl.

Students who wish to continue their research after completing the Master's programme can enrol for a **doctoral programme** geared to their artistic practice. The Royal Conservatoire's doctoral programme is offered in association with the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA) at Leiden University and the docARTES programme. You can read more about the possibilities of studying for a PhD in the arts in section E.5 below.

E.3 Lectorate

A research group has been formed to strengthen the role of research in the Royal Conservatoire. It is chaired by the lector, Paul Craenen, who brings together the research conducted in the Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral programmes, supervises research projects carried out by teachers and organises events relating to research. The purpose of the lectorate is to create a lively research culture within the Royal Conservatoire and to promote an inquisitive attitude among both students and teachers.

Paul Craenen's lectorate is devoted to the theme of Music, Education & Society and focuses on the changing role and

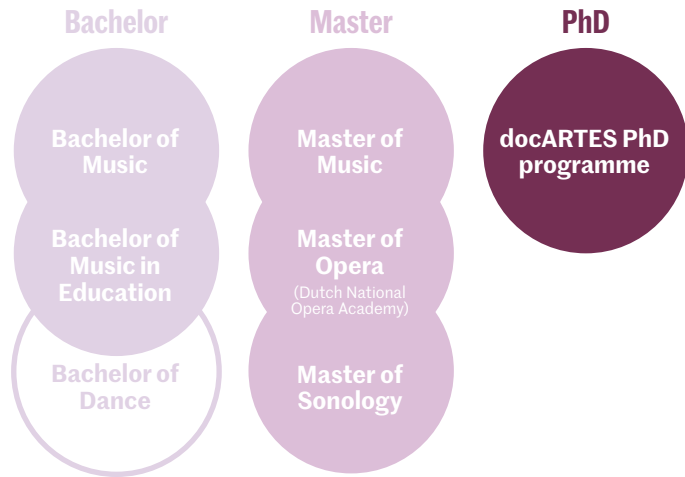
meaning of musical expertise in contemporary culture and society, and on the consequences of these changes for the curriculum of higher music education. How can a programme of professional music education prepare students for a constantly evolving musical culture? What cultural developments is it essential to incorporate in music programmes? What are the values and the added value of musical traditions, niches and specialisations in a globalising world? How can the creators of music help to provide answers for the complex issues of our time?

Research is not only an important aspect of the training of the musicians of the future, it can also enhance the professional practice of teachers at the Royal Conservatoire. Through the lectorate, the Conservatoire therefore encourages its teachers to engage in research. Every year the lectorate issues a Call for Proposals from teachers with ideas for research. Teachers who do not yet have a Master's degree are offered the possibility of following a two-year Master's programme in which research is a key element. Teachers are also encouraged to study for a PhD and/or present their research at conferences and symposia.

E.4 Research results: the Research Catalogue

The results of artistic research conducted at the Royal Conservatoire are archived and disseminated through the Research Catalogue (see: researchcatalogue.net). This online multimedia database is an international platform on which research can be presented and enhanced with visual and audio fragments. It is a tool that reflects our vision of artistic research, which assigns equal value to artistic and written material. The Research Catalogue is used for all Master's research projects, for research by teachers and for selected courses in the Bachelor's programme. The best research projects by teachers and students are published on the Royal Conservatoire's website at koncon.nl/research-results.

E.5 PhD in the arts



After completing the Master's programme, you can continue your artistic research in the doctoral programme of the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA) at Leiden University. By studying for a PhD, you will add an academic dimension to your musical practice through reflection and theoretical underpinning as you analyse your professional activities both academically and artistically. The aim of the programme is to provide you with knowledge that broadens and deepens your professional career.

For a doctoral course at the ACPA you will normally follow the docARTES programme, which is offered jointly by the universities of Leiden and Louvain, the conservatoires of The Hague, Amsterdam and Antwerp, the Lemmens Institute in Leuven and the Orpheus Institute in Ghent. The docARTES programme begins with a two-year doctoral curriculum, in which PhD candidates improve their academic knowledge and research methodological skills. They then continue their research individually for several more years. Every PhD candidate is advised by a team of supervisors throughout the programme. The PhD graduation ceremony, consisting of a public defence and an artistic presentation, is held in Leiden.

More information about the programme, enrolment and admission can be found at docartes.be.

More information about doctoral programmes in the arts at Leiden University, as well as earlier research projects, can be found at universiteitleiden.nl via Research – ACPA.







F. Organisation – University of the Arts and Royal Conservatoire The Hague

F.1 University of the Arts The Hague and Executive Board

The University of the Arts The Hague is the overarching organizational entity with the Royal Academy of Art and the Royal Conservatoire as its faculties. Each of the faculties has its own director. The School for Young Talent is an interfaculty programme. The university's mission is as follows:

The University of the Arts The Hague, comprising the Royal Academy of Art and the Royal Conservatoire, stands for an international learning environment in which tradition, high-level craftsmanship and artistic innovation come together. We educate critical and inquisitive artists, musicians and makers who contribute to the cultural landscape of the Netherlands, to society and to the world.

The university carries out this mission with a wide range of educational and artistic activities. It provides education, organises projects, performances and exhibitions, is active in international collaborative and exchange programmes, promotes interdisciplinary education and has made research one of its core activities. The University's core values are excellence, a critical and inquisitive attitude, innovation, tradition, an international orientation, diversity, responsibility and cooperation.

You will find a link to the 'Institutional Plan 2026-2030', which describes the university's identity, educational vision and approach, at koncon.nl/university.

The Executive Board manages the university's affairs and is responsible for achieving the university's objectives and its strategy, funding and policy. The Executive Board is accountable to the Supervisory Board. It reports on its activities in the annual report.

The Executive Board has one member. In the capacity as chair of the Executive Board, this member acts not only as an internal and external figurehead, but also chairs the three-person top structure together with the faculty directors of KABK and KC. In addition, a University of the Arts Management Team has been established by the Supervisory Board, consisting of the chair of the Executive Board, the faculty directors of the Royal Academy of Art and Royal Conservatoire and the heads of the central staff departments HR and Finance.

In association with Leiden University, the University of the Arts has established the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA), in which both universities offer courses and research projects (including a doctoral programme) for each other's students. The director of the ACPA is appointed by the Executive Board of Leiden University's Faculty of Humanities on the nomination of the Executive Board of the University of the Arts.

Information for students, teachers and other staff members about the university's regulations and protocols and its articles of association can be found on the Portal and the website hogeschoolderkunsten.nl.

F.2 Interfaculty School for Young Talent

The interfaculty programme School for Young Talent is jointly offered by the Royal Conservatoire and the Royal Academy of Art. At the School for Young Talent, promising young students with artistic talent can combine an intensive preparatory course in dance, music, art or design with regular primary and secondary education in a single institution. The course meets high international standards. The students attend school together and additionally focus on their own disciplines, but all share the pleasure and passion of exploring and expanding their creative boundaries.

Further information can be found at svjt.nl.

F.3 Erasmus+ and Internationalisation

F.3.1 Internationalisation at the University of the Arts The Hague

Internationalisation is an integral component of the institutional strategy of the University of the Arts The Hague and it is embedded in our DNA and visible through, e.g., the many international students and staff members, or the worldwide network of partners we have and the multiple international networks we are part of. Internationalisation is a crucial element of our strategy, educational philosophy and identity as an institution, not to mention it serves as an instrument for constantly improving the quality of our education in an international context.



The Royal Conservatoire is a partner institution of the European University Alliance IN.TUNE – Innovative Universities in Music & Arts in Europe. The IN.TUNE partners include, in addition to the Royal Conservatoire, the Norwegian Academy of Music Oslo, Conservatoire de Paris, University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya Barcelona, Uniarts Helsinki – Sibelius Academy, National University for Music Bucharest and University of Arts Belgrade. The institutions strive to deepen their cooperation to bring about institutional transformation and the enhancement of their quality, performance, attractiveness and international competitiveness.

For more information about IN.TUNE, please visit the IN.TUNE page at portal.koncon.nl and intune-alliance.eu.

F.3.2 The Erasmus+ programme

The Erasmus+ programme forms a part of this international strategy. Erasmus+ provides grants for a wide range of activities, and it provides opportunities for students, trainees and staff (both teaching and non-teaching) to spend a period of time abroad, which will contribute not only to increase their skills and international employability, but also to foster their intercultural communication skills and sense of belonging and responsibility towards a more diverse and inclusive society.

To take part of the Erasmus+ programme, and to be able to offer Erasmus+ grants to students and staff, an institution must meet the prerequisites defined by the European Commission, to then be able to sign the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). In signing the ECHE, we as University of the Arts confirm that our participation in Erasmus+ is part of our strategy for internationalisation, that we meet the prerequisites and that we commit to its principles.

At the Royal Conservatoire The Hague we continuously encourage our students to apply for a study abroad semester with one of our trusted partner institutions, to take part in selected projects abroad or to pursue a traineeship abroad, as a means of transition into the work field. Having signed the ECHE allows us to offer Erasmus+ grants for these activities. Besides Erasmus+, there are also other scholarships available.

For more information about all the options available, how to apply and to listen to student testimonials in our Podcast International, please visit koncon.nl/international (Student Mobility: Outgoing Students).

F.4 Exam Committee

The Executive Board appoints the Royal Conservatoire's Exam Committee, whose main task is to ensure the quality of exams and presentations. To this end, the committee checks whether the student meets the conditions set by the Education and Examination regulations regarding knowledge, insight, and skills that are required to obtain a degree. The Exam Committee's responsibilities include appointing the committees of examiners, awarding diplomas, granting exemptions and monitoring compliance with the Education and Examination Regulations. Its mandate is laid down in the University of the Arts' Exam Committee Regulations. The Exam Committee's Rules of Procedure lay down the rules and regulations governing the performance of the committee's tasks. Students can apply to the Exam Committee for an exemption from a subject in the curriculum based on previous studies or previously acquired competences. The procedure for applying for exemptions is laid down in the Education and Examination Regulations.

A guideline for applying for exemptions as well as further information about the Exam Committee can be found at portal.koncon.nl (Boards & Participation Bodies).

F.5 Study Programme Committee

The Royal Conservatoire's Study Programme Committee has the right of consent on a considerable number of articles of the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) and the right of advice on the remaining articles. The SPC annually monitors the implementation of the regulation. Furthermore, the committee gives solicited and unsolicited advice on matters concerning education and its quality. The committee's members include

representatives of the teaching staff and students from various programmes. The committee's statutory duties and the rules governing its composition and procedures are laid down in the Charter of the Study Programme Committees of the University of the Arts (see hogeschoolderkunsten.nl).

Further information about the Study Programme Committee can be found at portal.koncon.nl (Boards & Participation bodies).

F.6 Conservatoire Council (DMR) and University Council (CMR)

The University of the Arts has two Faculty Councils of Representatives: one for the Royal Academy of Art (Academy Council) and one for the Royal Conservatoire (Conservatoire Council). The Faculty Councils consist of students, teachers and non-teaching staff. The School for Young Talent has its own separate Faculty Council. In addition, the School for Young Talent is represented on the Conservatoire Council and University Council by one of its members. The members of the Conservatoire Council are elected. Staff members are elected every three years, student members every two years.

The University Council (CMR) is chosen from among the members of the Academy Council and the Conservatoire Council, supplemented by one representative from the interfaculty School for Young Talent. The rules governing participation by staff and students in the formulation of the university's policy can be found in the Regulations on Participation of the University of the Arts The Hague, see hogeschoolderkunsten.nl. The regulations provide a framework for the communication between the Executive Board and the University Council and between the directors of the faculties and the respective faculty councils.

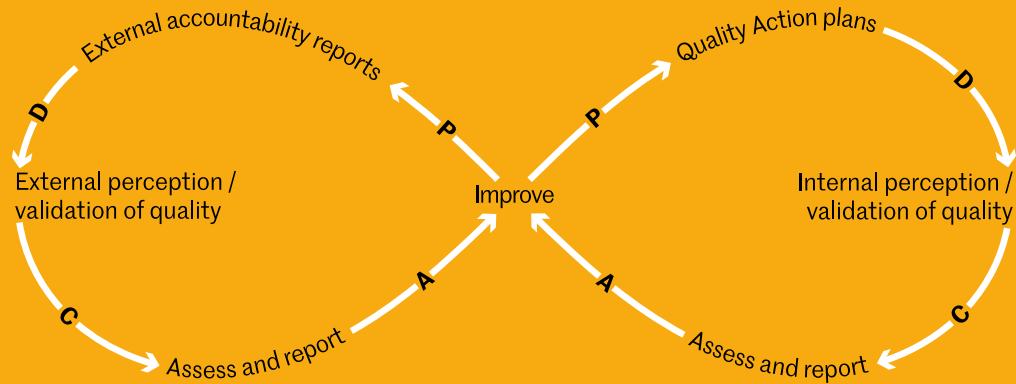
Further information about the University and Conservatoire Councils can be found at portal.koncon.nl (Boards & Participation bodies).

F.7 Student Charter of the University of the Arts The Hague

The University of the Arts The Hague has a Student Charter setting out the rights and obligations of students. The Student Charter contains information about enrolment, education and research, exams, student facilities, house rules and

Quality Culture at the Royal Conservatoire

Lemniscate of Continuous Improvement



External

- Professional Stakeholders Meetings
- Alumni surveys
- Accreditation visits
- Critical Friends
- International External Committee Members
- International Benchmarking

Internal

- Student surveys
- Course, Project and Semester Evaluations
- Employee surveys
- Faculty / Department Plans
- Student Panels
- Other Quality Assurance sessions
- Feedback Education / Exam Committees
- Management information

Plan

What to do?
How to do it?

Do

Do what was planned

Act

How to improve next time

Check

Did things happen according to plan

legal protection. The Student Charter is published on the University's website at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl (see Students – Student Charter).

F.8 Student Panels and course evaluation

Students at the Royal Conservatoire are encouraged to give feedback on their study experience in many ways, both in surveys and in dialogue. For example, the National Student Survey (NSE) of which the results are discussed within the different departments each year. Students are also asked to reflect on individual courses and projects. Throughout the academic year, you can give us your feedback on the course(s) you are taking. Scan the QR-code below to fill in the short questionnaire.



Another instrument and/or way students can make their voice heard is in Student Panels, organized by each department (two or three times a year). In these panels, students get the chance to give feedback and engage in dialogue regarding the quality of education.

The Head of Department chairs the Student Panel, the coordinator is responsible for the minutes of the meeting. These minutes are anonymised and checked with the students who were present during the panel before they are made public. The discussions during the Student Panels are an important source of information for the continuous improvement of the education at the Royal Conservatoire.

For more information on ways in which you can give feedback, look at the Quality Culture page at portal.koncon.nl.

F.9 Quality Culture

At the Royal Conservatoire, we want to stimulate dialogue about what goes well and what can be improved. We invite students to take an active part in this dialogue and to provide us with feedback wherever possible. In this way, students and staff work together towards an overall quality culture within the

To whom do I go for guidance?

Do you have questions and concerns about your work or study?

The first step is: reach out. The KC support offices will help you find the right channel.



Confidential Counsellors and / or the Student Complaints Committee

Students and staff can turn to the (external) Confidential Counsellors with serious concerns about inappropriate behaviour and safety. They can give information on actions you might take, including the option to lodge a formal complaint.



Exam Committee (Examencommissie)

The role of the EC is to monitor assessment and examination procedures at the Royal Conservatoire. Complaints and concerns can be directed to examencommissie.kc@koncon.nl.

Conservatoire Council (Deelmedezeggenschapsraad)

The students, teachers and non-academic staff of the DMR advise the Executive Board on education, finances, personnel en facility matters. The Conservatoire Council can be contacted via dmr@koncon.nl.

This information is provided by the **Quality Culture** office (qualityculture@koncon.nl)

The Department head

For students, your first point of contact is your Department head or coordinator. They can answer questions regarding your programme and the resources available to you. But you can also make use of one of the options below!



Tutor (bachelor 1-3)

All Bachelor of Music students are assigned a tutor at the start of their first year to help you reflect on your study and monitor your progress.



Student Counsellor

Counsellor Elke de Roos is our KC student counsellor with whom you can discuss personal and practice issues. For example: life issues, planning, study methods, and student finance (DUO). The meetings with Elke are confidential. Contact her at e.deroos@koncon.nl.



The Study Programme Committee (Opleidingscommissie)

The teachers and students of the SPC give the KC feedback on the content of study programmes and on compliance with the Education and Examination Regulations (OER). The Study Programme Committee can be contacted via oc@koncon.nl.

International and Erasmus students

The International Team provides assistance to international students at KC and to incoming and outgoing Erasmus students.

For questions about housing, visas and insurance in the Netherlands, please contact international@koncon.nl.

For mobility matters, contact erasmus.outgoing@koncon.nl to go abroad or erasmus.incoming@koncon.nl if you are at KC in Erasmus.

Lies Colman (KC Director)

You can share feedback or concerns directly with Lies Colman. She has a walk-in office hour one Monday each month. You can also use the mailbox outside her office on the 5th floor. Or e-mail: l.colman@koncon.nl.

Royal Conservatoire community. We have designed our Quality Culture approach as a continuous process, with this symbol ∞ (a lemniscate). The Quality Culture approach at the Royal Conservatoire is based on our conviction that by connecting internal and external knowledge and feedback, we support both our internal improvement processes and our external accountability.

The concept is illustrated in the image on the previous page. The results of all quality culture instruments are published on the Quality Culture page at portal.koncon.nl.

F.10 Student Counsellor

The student counsellor is the contact person with whom students can discuss a variety of issues, including practical matters such as study skills and study financing, but also personal problems. Students can approach the student counsellor directly. The student counsellor maintains close contact with the tutors, coordinators and main subject teachers, who can often provide initial assistance and can refer a student to the student counsellor if further help is needed. The student counsellor's assistance can also extend to exploring with the student what help might be available outside the school. The University of the Arts has a psychological counsellor to whom a student can be referred by the student counsellor if necessary. Naturally, in every case the final decision on what further action should be taken lies with the student. The meetings with the student counsellor are confidential. Practical issues can usually be resolved in one or two half-hour sessions. A longer series of meetings can sometimes be arranged, particularly for students with a disability such as ADHD, Autism or dyslexia, who are entitled to special assistance by virtue of the Dutch Equal Treatment Act.

Further information is available from Elke de Roos at e.deroos@koncon.nl or at koncon.nl/studentcounsellor.

F.11 Health & Well-being

F.11.1 Health & well-being in the curriculum

The Royal Conservatoire devotes attention to your health and well-being. We offer various electives relating to health and well-being in both the Bachelor's and Master's programmes, including courses such as Alexander Technique, Yoga for Musicians and Bodywork – Dance. In addition to these physical

courses, which are designed to help musicians to move, breathe and play more freely, there are courses with advice on healthy and effective methods of studying. Since musicians face an above-average risk of damage to their hearing, the subject of how to protect your hearing is covered during Start-Up! (the introductory week for first-year students).

Considerable attention is devoted to the students' well-being in the Dance curriculum, with lessons in subjects such as yoga, pilates, body conditioning, nutrition and injury prevention. The Dance department also has its own medical staff, comprising specialists, physiotherapists and dieticians.

To find more information, tips and suggestions, have a look at the Your Health & Practice Toolbox at portal.koncon.nl. Here you will also find details on extra-curricular courses such as yoga and Alexander Technique.

F.11.2 Health issues

It is important to seek help if you have any health issues. The student counsellor (see F.10) can help in this. Go to the student counsellor page at portal.koncon.nl for more information on healthcare in the Netherlands (including medical insurance) and the General Practitioner. There, you can also find contact details for Mensendieck Exercise Therapy and physiotherapy, as well as doctors specialising in the treatment of dancers and musicians.

F.11.3 Sports facilities

Students of the Royal Conservatoire can make use of the Sports Centre at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS) at a reduced student rate. The Sports Centre offers various indoor sports and group fitness classes, and has a brand-new gym for individual workouts. It is located near the Hollands Spoor train station in the centre of The Hague. Further information: thuas.com/about-thuas/facilities/sports.

F.12 GROW: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

GROW is the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion working group comprised of students, teachers and staff of the Conservatoire.

At the Royal Conservatoire we believe that all members of the community - students, teachers and staff - need to

feel welcome, safe and respected, irrespective of their gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic background, sexual orientation, religion, able-bodiedness, language proficiency or neurodiversity.

GROW celebrates the rich tapestry of people within the Conservatoire and is committed to fostering an equitable, diverse and inclusive environment for everyone. We believe that clear communication and open dialogue are essential tools to create a sense of belonging, even when these discussions are challenging.

GROW organises events to encourage dialogue and engages departments in constructive discussions around EDI issues and initiatives. GROW offers advice to the entire Conservatoire to build awareness and encourage actions towards a more inclusive and equitable environment. This also involves developing activities and events to foster community engagement around these topics. The working group is furthermore involved with policy development within the Conservatoire.

Chairperson Alison Isadora holds open hours two times a month – see the GROW page at portal.koncon.nl for details. These sessions are an opportunity to share concerns, raise questions, and offer suggestions. You can also contact GROW directly through Alison at a.isadora@koncon.nl.

F.13 Safe study environment

It goes without saying that the Royal Conservatoire seeks to provide a safe environment for study (and work). A safe environment is a prerequisite for studying successfully. We are continually endeavouring to create a climate that prevents inappropriate behaviour and to recognise and tackle any signs of such behaviour in good time. Guidance for this is the Action Plan 'From Social Safety to Community Culture'. This plan can be found at portal.koncon.nl.

Despite our efforts to foster a safe and inclusive study and work environment, incidents can still occur. Experiencing undesirable or unacceptable behaviour by teachers, staff or (fellow) students can create a sense of insecurity. This can lead to complaints, especially if there proves to be insufficient opportunity for people to resolve the subject of undesirable behaviour with each other.

Experience has taught us that the majority of complaints are due to circumstances relating to how we communicate with each other. The chance of transgressive behaviour is considerably reduced in a culture where students, teachers and staff are used to addressing each other about their attitudes and the way they behave.

Should you unfortunately find yourself in a situation that negatively affects your performance at the university, there are a number of ways to broach the matter. The best approach naturally depends on the circumstances.

Complaints come in different shapes and sizes. We divide them into the following three categories:

- Complaints about the content and organisation of teaching and the general management of the institution. In this case, the initiative lies with the notifier. See the Rules of Procedure for the Board of Appeal for Examinations and the Disputes Procedure at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl.
- Complaints about undesirable behaviour such as sexual harassment, aggression and violence, bullying, racism and discrimination. In this case, the initiative lies with the notifier. Read more on Complaints of Inappropriate Behaviour at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl.
- Complaints about lack of integrity through abuse of power, negligence, fraud, theft, embezzlement, corruption, etc. In this case, the Executive Board of the institution takes charge of the complaint. See the Code of Integrity and the Whistleblowing Regulations at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl.

Where to go

1. First, talk to someone. Students can speak to the coordinator or the head of the department; teachers and staff can speak to their manager.
2. Get in touch with one of the confidential advisers or the student counsellor to notify them of the complaint or for preliminary advice about whether or not to pursue the complaint through a formal procedure. You will find the contact details for the confidential adviser at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl and portal.koncon.nl; and/or
3. Submit a complaint via one of the digital complaints desks: klachtenloket@kabk.nl; klachtenloket@koncon.nl; klachtenloket@hdkdenhaag.nl.

F.14 Filming and photography

Filming and photography are taking place at the Royal Conservatoire The Hague for promotional and archival purposes. Images and recordings may be used on our website, official social media channels and in printed publications.

If you prefer not to be photographed or filmed, please inform the photographer or videographer. For any questions, feel free to contact us at communicatie@koncon.nl.



G. Collaboration with Leiden University

Since 2001, the University of the Arts The Hague and Leiden University have been partners in the field of education and artistic research. The collaboration is embodied in the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA), which is part of Leiden University's Faculty of Humanities.

G.1 Academic electives via ACPA

If you are looking for a further challenge in addition to your Bachelor's or Master's studies at the Royal Conservatoire, the ACPA electives might be something for you. Courses such as Music Cognition, Music x Technology, and Music – Philosophy – Politics are some of the academic electives offered at Leiden University in association with the Royal Conservatoire.

You can also follow other electives at Leiden University. There are more than 1100 electives offered by the various faculties of Leiden University to choose from.

For the complete list of academic electives, please visit Leiden University's online prospectus at studiegids.universiteitleiden.nl and select 'Elective' in the Filters menu. On successful completion of an academic elective, your results will be entered in OSIRIS and, on request, you will receive a certificate with the study results from ACPA.

Please note: it is not possible for exchange students to follow electives at Leiden University.

For more information, check the Bachelor Electives & Minors Handbook or the Master Electives Handbook at portal.koncon.nl.

G.2 Practicum Musicae (PM)

Practicum Musicae is a 3 year programme for students at Leiden University with musical aspirations. Participants in the programme can use the Practicum Musicae education at the Royal Conservatoire as part of their electives in Leiden. The programme enables talented students to broaden their academic education with training in music. The continuation of the talent programme Practicum Musicae from the 2026/27 academic year onwards is currently uncertain due to internal decision-making. Because of this uncertainty, we are unable to organise admissions until further notice.

Current students in the Practicum Musicae receive 50 minutes of lessons in their main subject every week, as well as 100 minutes of lessons in Elementary Music Theory and 25 minutes of lessons in ensemble playing every fortnight. Every year the programme offers the students opportunities to gain stage experience in the form of a series of concerts at the Royal Conservatoire and in Leiden. The regular Practicum Musicae programme takes three years. You will receive a certificate on successful completion of the course.

For more information, please read the PM Curriculum Handbook, the PM page on portal.koncon.nl and koncon.nl, and Leiden University's Study Guide at studiegids.leidenuniv.nl.

G.3 Research in the arts at ACPA

After completing your Master's, you can continue your research by following a doctoral programme at Leiden University. See chapter E.5 for more information.





H. Amare

The Royal Conservatoire The Hague is based in Amare, the international centre for music, dance and the performing arts in the heart of The Hague. Since opening in 2021, Amare has brought together students, teachers, professional companies and audiences under one roof. As a student, you study and perform in a lively artistic environment with excellent facilities, including theatres, concert halls, studios, rehearsal spaces, public areas and study spaces.

Sharing the building with professional organisations creates many opportunities for collaboration, performance experience and networking. In this environment, students regularly encounter professional musicians, dancers and visiting artists. The location in the city centre also makes it easy to connect with the cultural life of The Hague and its international community.

Amare

Amare is home to the Residentie Orkest, Nederlands Dans Theater (NDT) and the Royal Conservatoire. The building also hosts a wide range of concerts, dance performances, festivals and cultural events throughout the year. This gives students an opportunity to see national and international artists and productions in close proximity to their own place of study.

Nederlands Dans Theater (NDT)

The Royal Conservatoire Dance Department works closely with NDT, one of the world's leading contemporary dance companies. Through projects such as the annual Young Talent Project, dance students work with choreographers connected to NDT and perform repertoire, new creations and solo works in a professional setting.

Residentie Orkest

Students from the Classical Music Department can gain orchestral experience through the Orchestra Master specialisation in the Master of Music programme. This specialisation offers students the opportunity to rehearse and perform full concert programmes with the Residentie Orkest while receiving coaching from orchestra members.

The Composition Department also collaborates with the Residentie Orkest on projects including One Minute Symphony. In this initiative, students create short new works inspired by conversations with residents of The Hague. Selected works are performed during the orchestra's Symphonic Friday concert series, giving students valuable experience in composing for professional performance contexts.







I. Education and examination regulations

Royal Conservatoire

September 2026

Programmes

- Music and Dance (Bachelor of Music/Master of Music/ Bachelor of Dance)
- Education (Bachelor of Music in Education)
- National Opera Academy – DNOA (Master of Opera)
- Sonology (Master of Sonology)

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A. General provisions

The Executive Board of the University of the Arts The Hague has resolved to adopt the following regulations concerning the content and structure of the education and the examinations for the Bachelor of Music, the Bachelor of Dance, the Bachelor of Music in Education, the Master of Music, the Master of Sonology and the Master of Opera. These regulations have been adopted in accordance with Article 7.13 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (further referred to as the Higher Education and Research Act). These degree programmes are provided by the Faculty of Music and Dance of the University of the Arts The Hague, further referred to as the Royal Conservatoire. Pursuant to Article 7.14 of the Higher Education and Research Act, the Executive Board is also responsible for regularly evaluating and updating these regulations. The Royal Conservatoire's Assessment Policy and the Royal Conservatoire Dance department's Admission and Assessment Policies can be found at portal.koncon.nl. *Where the Royal Conservatoire's Education and Examination Regulations diverge from the Education and Examination Regulations of the Master of Music in Opera (DNOA), the differences are set out in the addendum to that programme's Education and Examination Regulations. See conservatoriumvanamsterdam.nl/en/study/studying-at-the-cva/study-guides/.*

The rights and obligations of students in connection with these Education and Examination Regulations are laid down in the Student Charter of the University of the Arts The Hague, which can be found on the university's website at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl/en/students/student-charter.

Article 1: Definitions

The following definitions are used in these regulations:

Term	Definition
Committee of Examiners	for the purpose of preparing and/or implementing parts of examinations committees of examiners can be formed as referred to in article 7.12 of the WHW. Examiners are responsible for holding and assessing examinations, final assessments and other forms of tests. Committees of examiners are appointed by the Exam committee
CROHO (in RIO: recognised programme code)	Central Register of Higher Education programmes. RIO stands for Institutions and Programmes Registration.
Curriculum Handbook	Curriculum Handbook (forms part of the Education and Examination Regulations) with learning outcomes, curriculum overviews and assessment criteria
Course year/academic year/university year	period from 1 September of any year up to 31 August of the subsequent year
Tests and part tests	any form of assessment (written, oral, assignments, reports) of an educational institute
Director	the director of the Royal Conservatoire
Final presentation	(public) presentation completing the practical and/or theory part of the course, the form this takes being based on the type of course (this applies to an exam under the terms of the Higher Education and Research Act, article 7.10, paragraph 1)
Examinations	the exam as referred to in article 7.10 paragraph 2 of the Higher Education and Research Act is completed once all educational elements have been completed satisfactorily
Examiner	a teacher or expert appointed by the Exam Committee who is formally authorised to set examinations and assess students' performance. The duties and responsibilities of an examiner include conducting examinations objectively and professionally and determining the results, recording academic results accurately and in a timely manner, and designing and setting examinations, tests and assessment criteria in accordance with the Royal Conservatoire's Assessment Policy.
Exam Committee	the Exam Committee (EC) is the body that objectively determines whether students have complied with the conditions set by the education and examinations regulations regarding the knowledge, insight and skills that are necessary to obtain a degree. The members of the EC are announced on the KC Portal. Tasks and responsibilities of the EC are described in the Rules & Regulations EC KC. This document can be found on the Exam Committee portal page.
IELTS and TOEFL	International English Language Testing System and Test of English as a Foreign Language
Institution	the University of the Arts The Hague
NUFFIC	the expertise and service centre for internationalisation in Dutch education
Education unit	Course with the associated type of assessment
Propaedeutic	the first phase of the programme as referred to in article 7.8 of the WHW
Post-propaedeutic	the part of the programme following on from the first phase
Student	the person enrolled at the University for the purpose of taking courses and/or the taking of tests and exams in accordance with the provisions of article 7.32 of the Higher Education and Research Act
Study credits	a study credit is the equivalent of 28 hours of study for an average student, in conformity with the agreements reached in Europe on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)
Student Charter	the Student Charter of the University of the Arts The Hague stipulates the rights and obligations of students and is obtainable via the website of the University
Course descriptions	Course Descriptions provide the content, entry requirements, goals and manner of tests per subject. They can be found in the Curriculum Handbooks on the website and KC Portal.
Full time/part-time	Programmes as referred to in article 7.7 of the Higher Education and Research Act
WHW	The Higher Education and Research Act (abbreviated to WHW, from the Dutch, Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees 1992, 593 and subsequent amendments), see wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0005682/2018-06-01

Article 2: Parts of the programme, examinations, education units, examination elements and tests

Domain	Programme	Discipline (Studierichting)	Specialisation	Language of instruction
Music	Bachelor of Music (CROHO 34739)	Classical Music + instrument		EN
		Jazz + instrument/vocals		EN
		Early Music + instrument		EN
		Vocal Studies		EN
		• Classical Music		
		• Early Music		
		Conducting:		EN
		• Choral Conducting		
		• Wind Band/Fanfare/Brass Band Conducting		
		Theory of Music		EN
	Composition		EN	
	Sonology		EN	
	Art of Sound		EN	
	• Studio Production			
• Music Recording				
• Sound Reinforcement				
Bachelor of Music in Education (CROHO 39112)	Music in Education			NL
Master of Music (CROHO 44739)	Classical Music + instrument	Orchestra Master		EN
		Contemporary Ensemble Academy		
	Ensemble Percussion			
	Chamber Music			
	Complementary Subject			
	Lied			
	European Chamber Music Master (ECMAster)		EN	
	Jazz + instrument/vocals	Complementary Subject	EN	
Early Music + instrument/subject	Complementary Subject	EN		
European Master of Early Music (EMEM)		EN		
Vocal Studies:	Lied	EN		
• Classical Music	Ensemble Singing			
• Early Music				
Conducting:	Complementary Subject (Wind Band / Fanfare / Brass Band Conducting only)	EN		
• Choral Conducting				
• Wind Band/Fanfare/Brass Band Conducting				
• National Master				
Orchestral Conducting				

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		Theory of Music		EN
		Composition		EN
		The Musician Educator		EN
		Music Education according to the Kodály Concept		EN
		ArtScience		EN
		Art of Sound		EN
		New Audiences and Innovative Practice		EN
	Master of Sonology (CROHO 49104)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonology • Audio Communication & Sonology 		EN
	Master of Opera (CROHO 49105)	Dutch National Opera Academy		EN
Dance	Bachelor of Dance (CROHO 34798)	Academic theatre dance		EN

- 2.1 The Royal Conservatoire provides the above-mentioned full-time programmes in the Bachelor's-Master's structure. The structure of the programmes for the individual disciplines is described in the Study Guide, the Curriculum Handbooks and on the Royal Conservatoire's website. This Study Guide and the Curriculum Handbooks formally constitute part of these Education and Examination Regulations.
- 2.2 The Bachelor's programmes consist of a propaedeutic and a post-propaedeutic phase. Each phase concludes with an exam, on completion of which the Exam Committee decides whether the required study credits have been obtained for the relevant part of the course.
- 2.3 In accordance with Articles 6 and 7 of the regulations, the programmes consist of a coherent set of education units (courses/modules), internships and practical assignments.
- 2.4 Each educational unit, and where applicable its constituent parts, involves a test or other form of assessment.
- 2.5 Students who have successfully completed all the tests and the final presentation that make up the exam shall have passed the exam.

- 2.6 Each academic year is divided into two semesters:
 - first semester: September to January
 - second semester: February to June
 The exact dates can be found on koncon.nl

- 2.7 In accordance with Article 7.15 of the Higher Education and Research Act, the institution provides information to students and prospective students about the institution, the educational programmes and the names of the programmes. This information is provided in a manner that enables students and prospective students to compare the courses offered and to form a sound judgement of the content and organisation of the education and the tests and examinations that have to be taken.

- 2.8 Evaluations of the programmes are organised by Quality Culture and are regularly updated in consultation with the relevant stakeholders within the Conservatoire as laid down in the policy document entitled 'Quality Culture 2020 and beyond'. Further information can be found on the Quality Culture page on koncon.nl.

Article 3: Study load and study credits

- 3.1 The study load of a programme is expressed in study credits (European Credits – ECTS). A study credit is equal to 28 hours of study for an average student.
- 3.2 The study load for the propaedeutic phase is 60 credits.
- 3.3 The minimum study load of a complete Bachelor's programme is 240 credits.
- 3.4 The minimum study load of a complete Master's programme is 120 credits.

B. Admission requirements

Article 4: Entrance examination for Bachelor's programmes

- 4.1 The criteria for admission via an entrance examination as referred to in Article 7.26a of the Higher Education and Research Act are set out in the section 'Entry Requirements' on the pages of the individual programmes on the Royal Conservatoire's website.

- 4.2 The requirements referred to in the first paragraph are met by passing an entrance examination set by the admissions committee on the basis of the entry requirements

Article 5: Admission requirements for the Master of Music

Candidates wishing to enrol in the Master of Music must meet the following requirements:

- 5.1 Candidates must write a study plan, the Master Project Plan or Master Study Plan, and submit it to the admissions committee before the start of the practical entrance examination. The criteria to be met by the Master Project/ Study Plan can be found on the Royal Conservatoire's website at koncon.nl.
- 5.2 Candidates must have been awarded the Bachelor of Music degree (or the former Teaching Musician/Docerend Musicus diploma) or – in the case of the master disciplines in education – the Bachelor of Music in Education degree (formerly School music teacher diploma) in the Netherlands or abroad.
- 5.3 If a period of a year or more will have elapsed between obtaining the Bachelor's degree and the start of the planned Master's programme, the candidate must (again) take the entrance examination for the Master's programme. The result of the entrance examination is decisive.

C. Structure of the degree programmes

Article 6: Education units

As set out in Article 2.3 of these regulations, the programme consists of a coherent set of education units (courses/modules), internships and practical assignments.

- 6.1 If a course is changed in a particular year with the consequence that the assessments for that course will be revised in the succeeding academic year, students who do not complete that course in that year are required to follow the new course with the revised assessments.

- 6.2 Courses or parts of courses can be taught online. The student is informed about this at the beginning of the course.

Article 7: Education units and the associated tests

- 7.1 The Curriculum Handbooks, which formally form part of these Education and Examination Regulations, describe the units of study for each study programme, the associated study load, examinations and credits to be obtained. The curriculum handbooks can be found on the programme pages on the Royal Conservatoire's website at koncon.nl. The conditions that determine the sequence of education units are laid down in Article 8.
- 7.2 The period of validity of credits obtained is six years, subject to the authority of the Exam Committee to extend that period of validity in an individual case. The period of validity of an examination passed may only be limited if the knowledge or insight tested is demonstrably out of date, or if the skills tested are demonstrably out of date (in accordance with WHW 7.10 paragraph 4). The student who wishes to extend the period of validity must submit a request to this end to the Exam Committee, demonstrating that their knowledge and practical skills have not become outdated. The Exam Committee may ask the student to take a (practical) test to establish the foregoing.

Article 8: Sequence of courses and exams

- 8.1 Entry requirements apply for some courses. These requirements must be complied with before students can take the course. The entry requirements are laid down in the course descriptions which can be found in the Curriculum Handbooks on the Programme pages on the Royal Conservatoire's website at koncon.nl. Entry requirements for some electives and minors can be found in the course descriptions in the Bachelor Electives & Minors Handbook and the Master Electives Handbook at koncon.nl/electives.
- 8.2 At the request of a student, the Exam Committee may allow the student to take tests in higher years before all of the tests in the preceding year or years have been passed.

Article 9: The propaedeutic phase; recommendation on continuation of studies at end of first year

- 9.1 The propaedeutic examination is passed if students have obtained 60 ECTS according to the curriculum.
- 9.2 At the end of the first year of enrolment in the propaedeutic phase, students are informed of whether they can continue their studies on the basis of the progress with their studies. Students who have obtained fewer than 50 ECTS will be given a binding negative study recommendation at the end of first year. The study recommendation is made by the director of the faculty. Before making a binding negative recommendation, the director (represented by a head of department or another official in the department) will make sure the student has been given the opportunity to be heard. The negative binding study advice is sent by post and digitally by the head of the Education Service Centre (ESC) on behalf of the management.
- 9.3 A binding negative study recommendation will be made in the event of:
- the failure to obtain adequate results in courses (at least 50 ECTS)
 - the absence of any prospect of any improvement or change in the situation
 - the absence of exceptional circumstances as laid down in or by virtue of the Higher Education and Research Act. These circumstances are exhaustive:
 - the illness of the person concerned
 - physical, sensory or other functional disability of the individual concerned
 - the pregnancy of the individual concerned
 - exceptional family circumstances
 - membership, including chairmanship, of the University Council, the Conservatoire Council or any other formal faculty committee or other circumstances specified by the university under which the individual concerned engages in activities relating to the organisation and management of the university's affairs
 - membership of the board of a student organisation of a reasonable size with full legal status, or a similar organisation of a reasonable size whose objective is to promote the general public interest and which actually pursues that objective. In this case, only the positions of chair, secretary and treasurer qualify. Students must

notify the head of their department and the director of the existence of such circumstances in writing as soon as possible.

- 9.4 Every student shall receive a warning at the end of the first semester that a binding negative study recommendation will be made at the end of the first year if 50 ECTS have not been obtained in that year. This written notice will be signed by the director. The warning shall be sent digitally to the student by the head of the Education Service Centre (ESC) on behalf of the directorate.
- 9.5 A binding negative study recommendation, signed by the director and stating the reasons, will be sent to the student by registered post and by email in week 28, including a reference to the possibility of appealing to the Board of Appeal for Examinations. Appeals may be lodged within 30 days of receipt of the binding negative study recommendation. Appeals can be lodged with the Board of Appeals for Examinations of the University of the Arts The Hague, P.O. Box 11670, 2502 AR The Hague.
- 9.6 A binding negative study recommendation results in the student's deregistration.
- 9.7 The student may not re-enrol at the Royal Conservatoire for the programme for which the recommendation was made, unless the institutional board has set a time period to the rejection or unless the person concerned requests to be enrolled in the study programme concerned at a later date and thereby demonstrates to the satisfaction of the institutional board that they will be able to follow that study programme successfully. (See text WHW, article 7.8 b).
- 9.8 If a student requests deregistration before 1 February in the first year of their studies, no binding negative study recommendation will be made. A student who submits a request for deregistration no later than 31 January shall be deregistered with effect from 1 February and will not receive a binding negative study recommendation. These students will be able to start the same programme in a subsequent academic year, in which case they will retain any results that have already been obtained (with the proviso that the validity of those results shall lapse after six years, as stated in article 7.2).

Article 10: Entry and progress with studies in the post-propaedeutic phase

- 10.1 Students who have passed the propaedeutic examination in a particular discipline can only be admitted to the post-propaedeutic phase of the same programme in the same discipline.
- 10.2 Progress with the studies in the post-propaedeutic phase is monitored through regular contact between the student and the teacher of the main subject, the teachers of the other subjects, the tutor and the head of the department. The results of the student's progress are registered in the OSIRIS student progress monitoring system.

D. Final qualifications of the degree programmes

Article 11: Mission

Art is of incalculable value, both intrinsically and in terms of the quality of life. The University of the Arts The Hague plays its part by educating artists who can play a prominent and inspiring role in the creation, development, performance and innovation in the arts in a global context.

Article 12: Final qualifications

On successful completion of the programme graduates have acquired the knowledge, insight and skills required to pursue an independent career and may also be eligible for advanced training in the arts. The final qualifications for the individual disciplines are described in the Curriculum Handbooks.

Article 13: Professional requirements

No professional requirements are prescribed for the programmes in or by virtue of the Higher Education and Research Act (Article 7.6)

E. Organisation of tests and examinations

Article 14: Tasks of the Exam Committee regarding tests and examinations

- 14.1 Under the auspices of the Exam Committee, the examiner or the committee of examiners determines the content of the test, prepares assignments, establishes the grading system, sets the test and determines the results. If an education unit is taught by more than one teacher, the teachers concerned will consult on the formulation of the test assignments, the adoption of the system of grading and the assessment of the test.

Article 15: Procedure for setting and announcing (final) presentations

The timetable with the date, venue and the time of the start and end of a (final) presentation will be announced via ASIMUT by 1 March at the latest. Due to compelling circumstances, changes may still occur after 1 March.

Article 16: Absence

- 16.1 Students who are prevented by personal circumstances from taking part in a test or (final) presentation must, if there is no new opportunity to sit the test or give the final presentation within a reasonable period, submit a request to sit the test at a later date.
- 16.2 A request as referred to in the first paragraph must be submitted in writing to the head and the coordinator of the relevant department. The student must notify the student counsellor of any personal circumstances. The student counsellor may advise the department to take account of personal circumstances demonstrated by the student with the necessary documentary evidence. This evidence must only be submitted to the student counsellor, who shall treat the personal information in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR. The head of department will submit a proposal for approval of the request to the vice-principal. The request must indicate when the test can be taken.

- 16.3 The vice-principal will decide on the request and inform the head of the relevant department of the decision in writing.

Article 17: Written tests

- 17.1 A written test is taken in the presence of at least one examiner.
- 17.2 On request by the examiner, the student must submit proof of enrolment as referred to in Article 7.33 of the Higher Education and Research Act.
- 17.3 The result of the written test is recorded in OSIRIS. If there have been irregularities, the examiner will notify the head of the relevant department and the Exam Committee in writing.
- 17.4 No students will be admitted to the examination hall to take part in the test after the test has started.
- 17.5 Before leaving the examination hall the student must hand in the completed work and any documents that have been issued at the start of the test, including the test paper, to the examiner.
- 17.6 The examiner assesses the tests, determines the results and records them in OSIRIS within three weeks. The results are announced immediately and inserted in the student's study progress overview. For an education unit for which a pass grade has been received the student earns the number of credits prescribed for that education unit.

Article 18: Oral tests

- 18.1 An oral test is taken in the presence of at least one examiner. If the test is taken before two or more examiners, they will decide among themselves which examiner shall function as the chairperson.
- 18.2 For oral tests, no more than one student will be tested at a time, unless the Exam Committee decides otherwise.
- 18.3 A report will be made of the proceedings in the oral test. The report will include the duration of the test, a brief

description of the content and the assessment of the test interview. The student will receive the report no more than three weeks after the date of the examination.

- 18.4 The examiner/examiners assess the test and award a grade. If the examiners are not unanimous, the decision is made by the chairperson.

- 18.5 The candidate is informed of the result of the oral test.

Article 19: Practical tests

- 19.1 For final presentations, the committee of examiners has a minimum of three voting members and, as a rule, a non-voting chair. Chairs may serve as examiners, if needed for practical reasons, provided they have the appropriate professional expertise to assess the presentation in question. For transitional presentations, there is a minimum of two voting members and a chair.
- 19.2 Further guidelines on the duration and content of (final) presentations in the Bachelor and Master of Music programmes can be found in the relevant course descriptions in the Curriculum Handbooks, which can be found on the website and at portal.koncon.nl.
- 19.3 A report will be made of the proceedings in the practical test. The report will specify the nature of the test and give a brief description of its content and of the assessment by the committee of examiners. The student will receive a written summary of the assessment by the committee of examiners no more than three weeks after the date of the examination.
- 19.4 The examiners assess the tests and determine the result immediately. If the examiners are not unanimous, the decision is made by the chairperson.
- 19.5 The candidate is informed of the result of the practical test in a feedback interview immediately after the deliberations of the examiners. The results of the students of the Bachelor of Dance will be recorded in OSIRIS within three weeks, and in the same time students will receive a summary of the feedback. The full 'report' is presented and discussed during a feedback interview in the period after the test.

- 19.6 The final presentation is public, subject to the authority of the Exam Committee to decide otherwise in exceptional cases. For the disciplines Art of Sound, Composition and Sonology, parts of the final presentation are not public. In the case of the Bachelor of Dance, the final performance – not being a (concluding) assessment – is preceded by a final assessment in private.
- 19.7 Confidentiality
- The feedback meeting after the (final) presentation is confidential and may not be recorded.
 - The teachers and members of the university's staff who have access to the assessment files by virtue of their position, via the faculty's digital student monitoring system or otherwise, must treat this information in confidence.

Article 20: Other forms of tests (reports, theses, papers, activities with compulsory participation, internships, etc.)

For parts of the study programme that are concluded with tests other than those described above, the method of assessment is described in the course descriptions.

F. Results of exam components and exams

Article 21: Determination and publication of results of tests

- 21.1 The result of tests that constitute part of an examination is expressed numerically, with a qualifying result, pass/fail, or an attendance result. In the case of numerical assessments, a pass grade is equal to or greater than 5.5 before rounding off. Attendance is compulsory for some courses. This is specified in the course descriptions.
- 21.2 The examiner enters the results of practical and written exams into OSIRIS no later than three weeks after the date of the exam. The results of oral tests are entered in OSIRIS Docent no later than two weeks after the date of the test.

- 21.3 The periods of three weeks and two weeks stipulated in paragraph 2 may be shorter if the result of part of the study programme is important for passing the propaedeutic phase or for meeting the requirements for admission to a part of the study programme.
- 21.4 For a period of thirty days commencing on the day after the disclosure of the result, the student can make a request to inspect the assessed written work or the report of the oral test and the accompanying grading scheme under the supervision of the examiner.
- 21.5 The head of department determines when and where the inspection can take place, having regard to the aforementioned deadline. Students who demonstrate that they are or were unable to attend at the specified time and place for reasons beyond their control will be offered a further opportunity, where possible within the period prescribed in the previous paragraph.
- 21.6 A minimum of one resit per academic year is allowed for each test and final presentation (as long as the form of assessment allows it). The resit can be taken at a time to be determined by the head of the department. Students will be informed of that time well in advance. Students who have passed a test are not allowed to resit that test. Students who have failed to obtain a pass grade for a test after a resit will be enrolled once more for the relevant course. A student who then fails the course again will no longer be enrolled for the course and must personally register for enrolment in consultation with their department and the Planning department. Failure to appear at a test or a resit for any reason qualifies as a 0/no result. If a student is prevented from attending due to personal circumstances, the provisions of Article 16 apply. Different rules apply for the Dance and Opera departments in view of their specific method of assessment. Those rules can be found in the Curriculum Handbook Dance, the admissions and assessment policy for Dance, and the addendum to the Education and Examination Regulations for the DNOA, respectively.

Article 22: Determination and announcement of results of examinations; certificates and declarations

- 22.1 The Exam Committee determines whether all of the components of a study programme have been completed

on the basis of the student's results as entered in OSIRIS. If so, the certificate can be granted as proof that the final examination has been passed. The diploma, the transcript and the accompanying documents will not be issued if the tuition fees have not been paid in full or if courses that are part of the Bachelor's or Master's curriculum have not been completed.

22.2 The Exam Committee also attaches an International Diploma Supplement to the certificate, the purpose of which is to specify the nature and content of the completed programme with a view to international recognition of the degree. The International Diploma Supplement refers to the transcript of records. The supplement contains a list of all education units that have been completed and the results attained.

22.3 Bachelor students who have passed a minor also receive a certificate for that course.

22.4 Students who have passed at least one test but who cannot be granted a certificate as referred to in the first paragraph may, on request, receive a declaration issued by the Exam Committee with a list of the tests that have been passed.

22.5 Master of Music students at the Royal Conservatoire are eligible for the designation 'cum laude' if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. was awarded a grade of at least 9.0 in the assessment of the concluding final presentation (or equivalent);
2. was awarded a grade of at least 9.0 in the assessment of the final research presentation (Research Trajectory or equivalent) and the final assessment of the Professional Integration Trajectory (or equivalent);
3. passed all components of the programme at the first attempt;
4. was not granted exemptions for more than half of the study programme;
5. has been enrolled for the Master's programme for a maximum of two academic years;
6. the Exam Committee has never established fraud by the student.

Whether the student has met all the requirements is determined retrospectively by the student administration office. The designation 'cum laude' is recorded in an attachment to the certificate. The designation 'cum laude'

can also be awarded to students of the DNOA. For the conditions, see the addendum to the DNOA's Education and Examination Regulations.

22.6 With proper motivation, the committee of examiners may also award graduating Bachelor's and Master's students the designation 'with distinction'. In contrast to 'cum laude', this designation relates exclusively to the final presentation. This designation appears after the grade for the final presentation on the transcript of records.

22.7 Students may not obtain more than one degree per CROHO (in RIO: recognised programme code). If a student who has completed a Bachelor's or Master's programme decides to follow a second programme in the same CROHO (in RIO: recognised programme code) category, no second certificate will be granted on successful completion of the second programme, only a second diploma supplement.

22.8 An obtained certificate may be issued in the following ways:

- during the relevant graduation ceremony;
- collection from Student Administration; identification is compulsory, this also applies to a person authorised by the student to do so;
- sending by post, whereby the risk of loss is for the student;

An original certificate can only be issued once. In case of loss/waste, the student can only receive a Copy Conform version.

G. Exemptions

Article 23: Exemptions

23.1 In response to a request by a student via OSIRIS Student, assessed by the head of the relevant department, the Exam Committee may decide to grant an exemption for one or more parts of an examination on the grounds of the possession of a document, diploma, certificate or assessment showing that the student has already met the requirements of that part of the examination. Guidelines for applying for exemptions can be found on the KC Portal ([Education Service Centre - Request an exemption - Exemptions - Guideline for requesting course exemptions](#)).

- 23.2 The Exam Committee's procedure for granting exemptions is as follows:
- a. New students must apply for an exemption before 15 October via OSIRIS Student. The student is required to motivate their request and upload all relevant documents such as transcripts of records and diplomas from domestic or foreign institutions. Students who are already studying at the Royal Conservatoire and wish to apply for an exemption for the following academic year must submit their application before 15 June so that courses do not have to be scheduled unnecessarily.
 - b. The application is forwarded via OSIRIS to the coordinator of the department to check whether it is complete. If this is not the case, the application will be returned to the student via the system for completion. As soon as the application is complete, it will be sent to the relevant head of department for their signature. The head of department hereby endorses the application. In this phase, it is possible that the head of department may still seek advice from, for example, a teacher. If the application is complete and signed, the application will be sent to the Exam Committee via the system. Applications must be submitted to the Exam Committee before 15 November.
 - c. The application for an exemption is discussed at the next meeting of the Exam Committee. The outcome can be 'approved', 'rejected' or 'declared inadmissible'. The student will be notified via the system.
 - d. The Exam Committee has fixed the period of validity of an exemption at six (6) years, provided that the curriculum remains unchanged, and that period can be extended by the committee.
 - e. If the exemption is granted, that part of the study programme is regarded as exempt or the prescribed number of credits is granted.
 - f. If the request has been granted, the Planning department revises the student's timetable accordingly.

H. Deregistration and restitution

The rules on deregistration and restitution of tuition fees can be found on the website at koncon.nl and on the KC Portal.

I. Irregularities and fraud

Article 24: Irregularities and fraud

- 24.1 An irregularity is defined as: any act or omission by a student contrary to the applicable rules, guidelines or instructions regarding the taking of examinations or the submission of papers, assignments or artistic work. If an irregularity makes it impossible to correctly form an opinion about the student's knowledge, insight, skills, artistic development or professional attitude, this is considered fraud.
- Fraud includes:
- copying in whole or in part texts, visual material, music, designs, ideas or other work of third parties without proper acknowledgement of the source (plagiarism);
 - submitting work that is (partly) generated with the help of artificial intelligence (AI), such as texts, images, videos, designs or audio, without explicitly stating the use and outside the frameworks set by the study programme;
 - falsifying data, manipulating (artistic or research) results, or otherwise misleading the assessor;
 - impersonating someone else during an examination.
- 24.2 If it is suspected that a student is guilty of any irregularity, an examiner/a committee of examiners announces this in writing to the Exam Committee.
- 24.3 In the case of an irregularity that is not considered fraud, the Exam Committee may decide to take appropriate measures, including declaring the examination or test result in question invalid.
- 24.4 In cases of fraud, the Exam Committee may, in accordance with institutional policy, impose sanctions such as declaring the examination invalid, exclusion from participation in one or more examinations for a certain period of time, or other measures deemed appropriate. In serious cases, the Exam Committee may advise the competent authority to permanently deregister a student.
- 24.5 If the irregularity is not discovered until after the examination, the Exam Committee may deprive the student of the certificate as referred to in Article 7.11 of the WHW or it may determine that the student concerned can only be

awarded the certificate after a retake of the examination. The Exam Committee or the Directorate decides which parts of the examination should be repeated and in which manner.

- 24.6 Before making a decision pursuant to the third or fourth paragraph, the Exam Committee shall hear the examiner(s) and the student. The Exam Committee immediately informs the student of the decision taken and ensures it is laid down in writing.
- 24.7 The Exam Committee draws up a report of its decision, which includes the facts on which the decision has been based, and sends this to the Directorate.
- 24.8 A decision pursuant to the third and fourth paragraph means that no result is established for the examination referred to in the second paragraph. If the result has already been determined, the result may be declared invalid.

J. Retention periods and appeals

Article 25: Retention of documents

- 25.1 The examiner retains the documents referred to in Article 17, paragraph 3, Article 18, paragraph 3 and Article 19, paragraph 3, as well as the papers, the grading schemes and the assessed written work for twelve (12) months after the publication of the results of the tests.
- 25.2 The Student Administration Office maintains a file for each student containing their study results and written materials.
- 25.3 The Exam Committee ensures that the institution curates the recorded particulars of each student in the institution's archives in accordance with the legal requirements.
- 25.4 The final presentations are recorded for the purposes of accreditation and quality assurance and are retained for at least seven (7) years as prescribed by law. The recordings of the final presentations (B4, M2, and Artist Certificate) will be made available to students on request.

Article 26: Complaints, appeals and objections

- 26.1 For reporting and handling complaints, appeals and objections, please refer to Article 8 of the Student Charter. The Student Charter can be found at hogeschoolderkunsten.nl under the heading 'Students'.

K. Students with a disability

Article 27: Students with a disability

- 27.1 Students with a disability are given the opportunity to sit tests and examinations in a manner that is adapted as far as possible to their personal needs. Students are advised to contact the student counsellor to discuss the necessary modifications. To this end, the student contacts the student counsellor to jointly draw up an overview of the necessary adjustments. The student then submits a formal request to the Exam Committee. If necessary, the Exam Committee seeks expert advice before a decision is taken.
- 27.2 In special cases, other students may also be offered the possibility of taking tests and examinations in a manner adapted to their personal situation. Again, the student counsellor should be contacted and the Exam Committee has the final decision.

L. Tutoring/coaching

Article 28: Study progress and tutoring/coaching

- 28.1 Students are personally responsible for the progress with their studies. Students have access at all times to an overview of their course results via OSIRIS Student.
- 28.2 Heads of department are responsible for monitoring the progress students are making with their studies. Teachers and tutors also play a role in the individual supervision of students.
- 28.3 Students who fall behind in their studies (or expect to do so) must notify the student counsellor and the head and the coordinator of the relevant department, who will first consider appropriate measures to prevent any study delay.

If a delay actually occurs, a revised study plan will be made and submitted to the head of the department and the vice-principal for approval.

part of this Education and Examination Regulations can be found on the Programmes pages on the website koncon.nl.

M. Closing provisions and entry into force

Article 29: Unforeseen cases

29.1 In any cases not provided for in these regulations and on which an immediate decision is required, the Executive Board will make the decision, unless another authority is in charge of this decision.

29.2 The decision referred to in the first paragraph shall be communicated by the Executive Board as soon as possible to the persons and bodies concerned.

Article 30: Conversion of study results from the former system

30.1 The Exam Committee decides on the value of study results obtained in any year by students who were enrolled for the programmes before the introduction of the Higher Education and Research Act, where applicable in the form of credits, for an examination to be taken in accordance with these Education and Examination Regulations.

30.2 For students as referred to in the first paragraph, the conditions laid down in these regulations will apply for tests that have not yet been passed on the entry into force of these regulations, unless the Exam Committee decides otherwise.

Article 31: Entry into force, official title and publication

31.1 These regulations enter into force on 1 September 2026.

31.2 These regulations can be cited as the Education and Examination Regulations of the Royal Conservatoire.

31.3 These regulations will be published on the website koncon.nl, on the Royal Conservatoire's KC Portal and in the Study Guide. The Curriculum Handbooks that form

The director of the Royal Conservatoire The Hague





J. Admissions regulations Royal Conservatoire

1 Admission requirements for Bachelor's programmes

- 1.1 Individuals wishing to enrol as a student in the Bachelor's programme must at least comply with the provisions of Article 7.24, Article 7.28, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2, and Article 7.29 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act. See also chapter 3 (Enrolment) of the Student Charter.
- 1.2 Equivalent prior education: The director decides on admission to the programme for students with diplomas other than those referred to in Article 7.24, paragraph 2 of the Higher Education and Research Act, if necessary having regard to the guidelines of the Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education (NUFFIC) on the value of diplomas.

2 Admission requirements and entrance examination for Bachelor's programmes

- 2.1 The criteria for admission via an entrance examination as referred to in Article 7.26a of the Higher Education and Research Act are set out in the section 'Entry Requirements' on the pages of the individual programmes on the Royal Conservatoire's website
- 2.2 The requirements referred to in the first paragraph are met by passing an entrance examination set by the admissions committee on the basis of the entry requirements.
- 2.3 The rules governing supplementary requirements as referred to in Article 7.26a of the Higher Education and Research Act are applicable. During the entrance

examination, the admissions committee determines the candidate's aptitude and suitability for music and/or dance education on the basis of their talents and skill. There are four assessment criteria for the music education: musical aptitude and suitability, knowledge of elementary music theory and aural skills, motivation/attitude and development potential and proficiency in English (with the exception of the Bachelor of Music in Education programme). The entry requirements are different for each discipline. Further information can be found on the Programme pages on the website and at koncon.nl/en/application-process.

- 2.4 Upon acceptance by the admissions committee, candidates who come from another conservatoire in the Netherlands, from the Royal Conservatoire's own Preparatory Year or from the School for Young Talent, or from a comparable programme in another country will be graded for the various parts of the study programme. Upon admission, in the first month after enrolment the student must – where applicable – apply for exemptions for the courses that have been followed and completed elsewhere.

3 Admission requirements for the Master of Music programme

- 3.1 Candidates must have been awarded the Bachelor of Music degree (or the former Teaching Musician/Docerend Musicus diploma) or – in the case of the discipline Education – the Bachelor of Music in Education degree (formerly School music teacher diploma) in the Netherlands or abroad.
- 3.2 An entrance exam is only valid for the upcoming academic year. If there is a desire to start later then admission will have to be taken again.
- 3.3 Candidates must write a study plan, the Master Project Plan or Master Study Plan, and submit it to the admissions committee before the start of the practical entrance examination. The criteria to be met by the Master Project/Study Plan can be found on the Royal Conservatoire's website at koncon.nl.

- 3.4 During the entrance examination, candidates must demonstrate that they possess the artistic and professional skills required for the relevant discipline(s)/specialisation(s).
- 3.5 Candidates must also demonstrate a personal vision of their future studies, the ability to reflect on their own standard and actions, the ability to communicate and collaborate with others and an inquisitive and research-minded attitude.
- 3.6 The intake interview is also intended (in combination with the aforementioned Master Project/Study Plan) to test the candidate's proficiency in English, with the outcome being recorded in the admission form. For candidates who do not sit the entrance examination live, the interview is conducted online. In light of the research component, candidates with insufficient command of English will not be admitted to the Master's programme. See also article 4.5 of these regulations regarding language tests.
- 3.7 The members of the admissions committee make a recommendation to the director of the Royal Conservatoire on the basis of the results of the entrance examination. However, a positive recommendation after sitting the entrance examination provides no guarantee that the candidate's application to study for a Master's degree will automatically be honoured. Decisions on the allocation of the available places are made by the director of the Royal Conservatoire. Candidates will be notified of the decision by the head of the Education Service Centre (ESC) on behalf of the director.
- 3.8 The specific entry requirements for the programmes and disciplines can be found on the Royal Conservatoire website. This also applies to the Master's specialisations.

4 General provisions relating to admission to the Bachelor's and Master's programmes

- 4.1 Candidates can enrol directly via Studielink or via the link to the Studielink website on the Royal Conservatoire's website. The admissions procedure opens on 1 October every year. In addition to registering via Studielink, candidates must submit additional materials. For details, see the Royal Conservatoire's website.

- 4.2 In exceptional circumstances and with the consent of the faculty's director, students who wish to follow another discipline/main subject in the programme in addition to the first discipline/main subject are required to sit an entrance examination as referred to in the second paragraph of Article 2 for the second discipline/main subject. On successful completion of the study programme, the student may not receive more than one degree for the relevant CROHO (in RIO: recognised programme code).
- 4.3 A positive recommendation after sitting the entrance examination means that the candidate is eligible for admission, but does not automatically guarantee that the candidate will be able to follow the programme of their choice. The director of the Royal Conservatoire decides on the allocation of the available places. Students are notified of the decision by the head of the Education Service Centre (ESC) on behalf of the director.
- 4.4 Validity of enrolment:
- Admission to a programme is only valid for the academic year for which the student is enrolled.
 - Students who cancel their registration in the course of an academic year remain enrolled and retain the results they have obtained provided they re-apply via Studielink before the application deadline and then enrol to continue their studies in the next academic year.
 - If a full year has elapsed since deregistration, on reregistration the student is required to sit another entrance examination. Studies may only be interrupted in exceptional circumstances.
 - The director is mandated by the Executive Board to allow exceptions.
- 4.5 Language proficiency
- As a matter of course, the Royal Conservatoire ascertains the written skills and knowledge of and proficiency in the English language of non-Dutch candidates during the entrance examination. The candidate's written skills are assessed on the basis of their letter of motivation or study plan and the email correspondence. The level of fluency is determined in the course of an interview with the candidate during the entrance examination. The chair of the admissions committee then decides whether the standard is sufficient to follow the teaching in the chosen programme. The outcome of this evaluation is recorded

in writing in the relevant admission form. Candidates who do not possess an adequate command of English will not be admitted to the programme. In cases where there is any doubt, candidates are advised to follow an appropriate course at their own expense.

- For students with a non-EU/EEA nationality, the minimum level of English proficiency is:
 - IELTS: minimum 6.0 (overall score), or
 - TOEFL iBT: minimum 80.

This language requirement applies to all students with a non-EU/EEA nationality, regardless of their residence status. An exception is made for students with a nationality of the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Australia or the United States of America. When applying for a residence permit, students must demonstrate compliance with this language requirement by providing a valid certificate from one of the following internationally recognised tests:

- IELTS (Academic), TOEFL iBT, TOEIC (Listening & Reading + Speaking & Writing), Cambridge English (FCE, CAE or CPE), Pearson PTE Academic, LanguageCert Academic.

Non-accepted tests include:

- Institutional TOEFL, TOEFL ITP, or other non-internationally recognised language tests.
- International students who wish to enrol for the Music in Education programme must be in possession of a NT2 diploma.
- The minimum requirements for candidates for the Preparatory Year of between six (6) and twelve (12) months is a score of 5.0 in the IELTS test; for a Preparatory Year of six (6) months or shorter, the minimum requirement is a score of 5.5 in the IELTS test.

4.6 Entrance examinations are administered by an admissions committee, a committee appointed by the institution's Executive Board in accordance with Article 7.26a, paragraph 3 of the Higher Education and Research Act. The Executive Board has delegated its mandate to the faculty's director, who has in turn delegated the composition/appointment of admission committees to the heads of the teaching departments

4.7 We recommend students with learning difficulties to discuss the options and responsibilities with the student counsellor as soon as possible.

4.8 No appeal is possible against a negative result of an entrance examination or a negative decision on admission. However, candidates may contact the institution for a personal explanation of the decision.

These regulations were established by the Executive Board in July 2026, after approval by the director with the consent of the Royal Conservatoire's Study Programme Committee and the Conservatoire Council.