

Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA)

Combine academic study with the arts



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Discover the world at Leiden University



“The ACPA programme is fantastic, there’s nothing like it anywhere else.” Pieter Rohrbach followed the music talent programme Practicum Musicae

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ACPA: the best of two worlds

Are you looking for an extra challenge in your studies? Then combine the best of two worlds: academia and the arts. ACPA's unique courses and programmes will enrich and deepen your studies at Leiden University.

About ACPA

Arts and science can complement, challenge and inspire one another. This is why Leiden University provides space for both disciplines. ACPA is a research and teaching institute that offers students a wide range of education in the arts and academic subjects at a high level, making Leiden unique among the Dutch universities.

Our courses are delivered by high-profile teaching staff with an international reputation. Many of them have positions at the Royal Conservatoire or the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague, both of which are leading providers of arts education.

Who is it for?

Are you planning to come to Leiden University and would you like to study music and the visual arts in addition to your academic study programme? Or, if you are already a student here, are you considering one or more inspiring electives in the arts? If so, you'll find what you're looking for at ACPA. These electives are open to all Leiden University students. Language should not be a problem: all courses and programmes are taught in English.

We also have special programmes available for students with an exceptional talent in music or the visual arts. In addition to your academic study programme, you can follow a three-year programme at the Royal Conservatoire or a one-year programme at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague. An admission procedure is applicable for these English-taught trajectories.

Advantages

If you're passionate about both the arts and academic study, you no longer have to choose between them! ACPA's courses and programmes allow you to combine your academic study programme with academic courses on the arts, or with practising music or the visual arts at a high level. And there's an extra bonus: you will learn to take a broad perspective and to look beyond academic borders.

The programme

Arts electives

- ▷ In-depth academic study of the arts.
- ▷ Put your own minor together, or choose a smaller set of courses worth 15 EC, for example.
- ▷ Open to all Leiden University students: BA, MA and pre-MA.
- ▷ Taught in English.
- ▷ No extra costs.

Talent programme in music: Practicum Musicae

- ▷ Three-year programme for talented students (BA, MA and pre-MA).
- ▷ In combination with a full-time study programme at Leiden University.
- ▷ 30 EC for three years.
- ▷ Programme taught at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague.
- ▷ Admission is based on an audition; a total of 75 students per year participate.
- ▷ No extra costs.

Talent programme in the visual arts: Practicum Artium

- ▷ Two-semester programme for talented students (BA, MA and pre-MA).
- ▷ In combination with a full-time study programme at Leiden University.
- ▷ 10 EC for one year.
- ▷ Programme is taught at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague.
- ▷ Admission is based on a portfolio and a motivation letter; a total of 100 students per year participate.
- ▷ No extra costs.

Combine ACPA classes with your major

Combining is easy:

- Electives often have classes in the evening.
- The classes for the visual arts talent programme Practicum Artium are held in the evening.
- For the individual classes in the music talent programme Practicum Musicae you will make arrangements about day and time with your teacher.

Henk Borgdorff

Academic Director of ACPA and Professor of Theory of Research in the Arts

“There’s quite a strong divide between the arts and academia today, whereas in the past there was a natural connection between them. This means that if prospective students want to study Law, for instance, but also play the cello, they have to make a choice. That isn’t necessary at Leiden University: here you can pursue both ambitions. And the other way round, students at the Royal Conservatoire or the Royal Academy of Art who want more intellectual challenge in their studies can also take classes at Leiden University. And we even offer a PhD programme in the arts. This makes ACPA unique in the Netherlands: it’s a place where the artistic world and the intellectual world come together.”





Electives: pick & mix

If you're an arts enthusiast and want to look beyond the museum, concert hall or theatre, then the ACPA electives are ideal for you. In these courses you approach music and the visual arts from an academic perspective: surprising and inspiring.

Made-to-measure minor

Each elective course is worth 5 credits (EC). You can put them together to create your personal minor, based on your own interests. But if you prefer, you can also combine the ACPA electives with those of other disciplines. In that case, you can choose a set of arts courses worth 15 EC, or just take a single course.

Innovative courses

The electives that we offer are innovative and challenging. Take 'Listening and Looking' for example, where you learn to look at art and listen to music in new ways, and to support this with a theoretical basis. Or the course 'What is music?', which aims to answer this philosophical question.

 The current range of electives is listed on our website universiteitleiden.nl/en/acpa

Marcel Cobussen

Professor of Music Philosophy, teaches at ACPA

"I like to encourage my students to make a link between their assignments for the ACPA elective and their major. Many of them find this very enriching and they discover, for example, that a specific thinker's ideas become more meaningful for them. In my classes I ask students to engage in a dialogue between practice and theory. I think it's crucial to start out from arts practice: experience the art, open yourself up to what the artwork has to tell you, then test that against the theory. In this respect, courses at ACPA are certainly very different from the teaching in other study programmes."





Talent programmes: a unique opportunity

We offer the perfect solution if you already engage in music or the visual arts at a high level. If you want to continue raising that level and follow an academic study programme at the same time our talent programmes are a good option. Each year we select a number of students for these programmes.

Talent programme in the visual arts: Practicum Artium

Students who are admitted to this talent programme attend classes for two semesters at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague. You can choose from a wide range of electives in Drawing, Painting, Graphic Design and Photography: a unique opportunity for your further artistic development. The classes are mostly held in the evening, which makes it easy to combine this talent programme with your academic study programme.

Mehmet Keserli

studied Political Science and took an ACPA elective

“The elective “What is music? From Plato to Pussy Riot” was the best course I took in Leiden! It suited my interests, I play the piano and also work as a sound engineer. I’m very interested in music philosophy. The elective had an impact on my major as well: I presented a topic about music and politics in my Political Science class. Overall, the course was a unique experience for me.”



Talent programme in music: Practicum Musicae

If you're admitted to this talent programme, you will study at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague for three years. You can choose from the specialisations Classical, Jazz and Early Music, and will take classes with the very best teachers. You arrange the class times personally with your teacher, which allows you to easily combine this talent programme with your academic study programme. The courses offered consist of instrumental or vocal private classes and music theory classes. You will also give concerts with other students during the programme.

Eline Fung Fen Chung



studies Medicine and also follows the music talent programme Practicum Musicae

“ACPA gives me the unique opportunity to combine studying Medicine at Leiden University and studying at the Royal Conservatoire. This means I don't have to make a difficult choice: I can still play the recorder at a high level and also become a doctor, which has been my dream for as long as I can remember. It takes a lot of planning and discipline, but I enjoy every minute and every chance that I get within the Medicine programme and with my music.”

Practical information



Come and meet us

Want to know more about the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts and what it is to study at Leiden University? Come visit us at the Open Day!



bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/information-activities

Application and admission

You can find the latest information about application and admission, the programmes and schedules on our website.



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