

Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA)

Electives in fine arts, design and music



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Science and the arts: the best of both worlds!

Did you know that art and science go hand in hand? Art and science can complement, challenge and inspire each other. At Leiden University, we encourage combining these two disciplines. Via the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA), an institute within the Faculty of Humanities, you have several options to combine your academic study with electives in the fields of visual arts, design or music. You can follow these courses at the Royal Conservatoire, the Royal Academy of Art or at Leiden University. In addition, ACPA is also an institute devoted to artistic research. With ACPA you no longer have to choose!



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Extra challenges to personalise your study

Are you looking for an extra challenge in your studies? Do you have a passion for visual art, music or design? You can enrich and deepen your studies at Leiden University with the unique electives of ACPA.

Electives

With the elective courses of ACPA, you approach art from a scientific perspective. These courses were developed by teachers from the Royal Conservatoire, the Royal Academy of Art and teachers from Leiden University. For more information, see page 4.

Conservatoire and Art Academy electives

As a student of Leiden University, you can also take elective courses at the Royal Conservatoire and the Royal Academy of Art in The

Hague. These are regular courses from the curriculum of both institutes where you, as a Leiden student, can join in. For more information, see page 4.

Minor

A minor allows you to explore subjects outside the boundaries of your own study programme. ACPA also has a minor: Music Studies. All Leiden University students can register. Being able to play an instrument is not necessary. For more information, see page 4.

Music and visual arts programme

ACPA has developed two programmes for motivated and talented students: Practicum Musicae, a music programme at the Royal Conservatoire and Practicum Artium, a visual arts programme at the Royal Academy of Art. These programs are easy to combine with your timetable of Leiden University and offer you the opportunity to develop your talent to a high level. An admission procedure applies to both programmes.

For more information, see pages 6 and 7.

 **More information:**
universiteitleiden.nl/en/acpa

Elective credits: you choose!

If you love art but want to look further than museums, concert halls or theatres, the ACPA electives will get you looking at music or art from an academic perspective.

Electives

The electives cover the different disciplines in art and music. Courses such as *Music Cognition*; *Practical Rhetoric: Public Speaking according to 18th-Century Sources*; *Music x Technology*; and *Popular and Global Music* link music to philosophy, psychology, rhetoric and even Artificial Intelligence.

Are you more into the visual arts and design? *Maps, Mapping and Mapmaking* is all about contemporary innovative map-making practices by technology companies and amateurs alike. *Interfacial Workout. A course on Inefficient Tool Building* studies “intra-active bodily publishing exercises”. The course *Exhibition Research Lab* examines the possibilities of an exhibition as a framework for research, experiment and (re-) presentation.

Our electives are taught by inter(national) musicians, artists, lecturers and professors: lecturers who have earned their spurs in scientific and artistic practice. The courses are taught in English and are accessible to all bachelor, master and pre-master students of Leiden University. There are no additional costs.

Conservatoire and Art Academy electives

Students at Leiden University can follow various courses as an elective at the Royal Conservatoire and the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague. See their prospectuses for a list of the different courses.

Minor Music Studies

The minor Music Studies offers you a different way of thinking about music. Music is more than just a form of art, more than just entertainment.

What roles does music play within our society? How does current society influence music? And vice versa: how does music influence, for instance, politics, media and technology?

After having taken this minor you will have gained a broad insight into what music is and into the influence that music, human beings and society have on each other. You are not required to be able to play an instrument to take this minor. If you are curious about the interaction between music and society, if you want to know more about music, sound art or cultural sciences, this minor is also for you.



More information:

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From the diary of Michelle Snoeks, third-year student Psychology with elective 'Graphic Design'

- 07:00 Time to get up, eat breakfast and get the train to Leiden.
- 09:00 Elective in History of Japan to 1868. The elective is completely different from what I'm used to in Psychology. It makes a great change.
- 11:00 Lunch with a friend who is doing the same elective.
- 13:00 Off to the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences for a psychology course that I still need to complete: Economic and Consumer Psychology. It's about marketing, advertising and their impact on people.
- 15:00 Time to head for the Art Academy in The Hague. The end of the elective is in sight and I need to finish my final project.
- 19:00 During class, I make two posters from cuttings. For one, we have to look at what we can see on the photos, and for the other, we only look at their shape. It's really hard not to look at what's in the photos.
- 21:30 Class ends and I take the train back home.
- 23:00 It was a long day. I have a quick look at my phone before going to bed.



Student speaking

'I set myself realistic goals: I look for what I really want to do and what challenges me. And then I simply do it.'

Erik Elias Dybdahl studies International Relations at Leiden University, but is combining it with a minor in Jazz bass guitar and Classical piano at the Royal Conservatoire.

Erik saw the possibility of combining courses at Leiden University and the Royal Conservatoire in the Practicum Musicae programme as a unique opportunity. He initially intended to pursue an academic education. 'I was not really looking at conservatoires. But when I learned about the joint programme of Leiden University and the Royal Conservatoire, I knew immediately that it was what I wanted to do.'

'I am now in my second year and I'm learning to achieve a better balance between my course at the university and my music studies. I am finding it easier to divide my time properly.' Erik tries to play as often as possible with other students in the Jazz and Classical Music departments. He plays in Jazz combos, for example, and is currently giving chamber music recitals with a cellist. Erik is not yet sure what the future holds. 'With this programme, I could still go on to study music full-time later, or continue with my academic career. It is great to have all of the options still open to me.'

Photographer: Marijn Smulders (alumnus KABK).



Practicum Artium

Do you enjoy visual arts? And would you like to study at the Royal Academy of Art (KABK) in The Hague in addition to your studies at Leiden University? Then Practicum Artium is just the thing for you.

Visual arts programme: Practicum Artium

Students who are admitted to this talent programme attend classes for one or 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.

Would you like to know more? Mail to acpa@hum.leidenuniv.nl

Practicum Artium

- ▷ Interview to discuss your portfolio and motivation
- ▷ Around 100 students admitted to the programme each year
- ▷ Five credits per semester
- ▷ All you pay for is your materials

Nicky Pols

studies English Language and Culture and is taking the Practicum Artium programme



'I am doing the drawing and painting subjects within the arts programme. I took art subjects for six years at secondary school and have always been involved with creative activities. I really enjoy being able to continue that beside my English Language and Culture programme. I was so busy with the reading for the theoretical subjects in my English programme that I made less time for art. This arts programme means I now have practical sessions, which gives me more motivation to be creative. What I'm finding is that I can now apply my creativity better in my academic thinking.'



Practicum Musicae

Do you have a talent for music? And would you like to take this to the next level while studying at Leiden University? Practicum Musicae might be just what you're looking for.

Music Programme: Practicum Musicae

If you are offered a place on Practicum Musicae, you will follow a three-year talent programme at the Royal Conservatoire The Hague. You can specialise in Classical Music, Jazz, Vocals, Early Music, Sonology or Composition. You and your lecturer decide on your timetable, making it a unique way to combine your academic studies with your studies at the Royal Conservatoire. The programme consists of individual singing or instrumental lessons, music-theory lessons and ensemble coaching. You form a close-knit community with the other students on the programme, have plenty of opportunity to play with other musicians and are taught by renowned musicians from the Netherlands and abroad. For more information, send a mail to pm@koncon.nl

Practicum Musicae

- ▷ Thirty credits for three years
- ▷ Audition for a place
- ▷ Around 75 students admitted to the programme each year
- ▷ No additional costs

Practicum Musicae Orchestra (PMO)

The PMO is a platform for Practicum Musicae students to perform together, but also for other musicians who want to join. The orchestra offers a stage to young and talented students who, in addition to their academic studies at Leiden University, enjoy playing together in an orchestra.

The orchestra is conducted by Aafko Boonstra, student of Mathematics / PM Orchestral Conducting / PM Piano alumnus.

See www.pmorkest.com for more information.

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? Meet us at the online Open Days!



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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