

# Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA)

Electives in fine arts, design and music



**Universiteit  
Leiden**  
The Netherlands



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The Hague**

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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 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 ACPA's unique electives.

### Electives

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

### Conservatoire and Art Academy electives

As a Leiden University student, 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 that Leiden students can take. For more information, see page 4.

### Minor

A minor allows you to explore subjects outside your own study programme. ACPA offers a minor – Music Studies – that is open to Leiden University students. You don't need to be able to play an instrument either. For more information, see page 4.

### Music and visual arts programme

ACPA has 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 programmes are easy to combine with your timetable at 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](https://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*, *Music - Philosophy - Politics*, *Music x Technology*, and *Popular and Global Music* link music to philosophy, psychology, rhetoric and even Artificial Intelligence.

If you are more into visual arts and design, *Hacking Tools as Artistic Research* is all about exploring the different types of interaction that are possible with everyday digital or physical tools. In *The Art of Logistics*, you'll study logistics processes and how logistics codes are made and how they are manifested in everyday life. The *Exhibition Research Lab* course examines the possibilities of an exhibition as a framework for research, experiment and (re)presentation.

Our electives are taught by musicians, artists, lecturers and professors from the Netherlands and abroad: lecturers who have earned their spurs in scientific and artistic practice. The courses are taught in English and are open to all bachelor's, master's and pre-master's students from 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 in Music Studies

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

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## From the diary of Michelle Snoeks, third-year psychology student 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 want to tell people a story. You can do that with music and art history.'**

Lotje Dalmijn is a third-year art history student at Leiden University who is also following the Practicum Musicae music programme.

'I play classical percussion, mainly the timpani and marimba. Practicum Musicae (PM) has given me the chance to carry on with and grow in music alongside my studies. With percussion it is particularly hard to find a music school where you can take private lessons at an advanced level alongside your studies. With this programme it's easy to combine the two, so I can plan the lessons around my BA in art history. You plan each lesson individually with your teacher and the theory lessons are taught at different times, also in the evening. This means there's always a suitable time to attend the classes.

For me PM makes a nice change from my regular studies. As a humanities student you have your nose in books a lot of the time. This means I can do something else for a bit, and play music at an advanced level. I really like this combination. PM students give a monthly concert in Lokhorstkerk in Leiden and a Christmas and Summer concert. It's a fun way to keep in touch with other students and hear what they're up to.'



# 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

If you want to be involved in visual arts alongside your academic studies, you can follow the Practicum Artium visual arts programme. You will spend a year taking lessons in painting, drawing, photography or graphic design at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague. This is a unique opportunity for your further artistic development. And you will discover how you can link these artistic skills to your academic studies. The classes are in the evening, which makes them easy to combine with your academic studies. For more information, send an email to [acpa@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:acpa@hum.leidenuniv.nl)

## Practicum Artium

- ▷ Interview to discuss your portfolio and motivation
- ▷ Around 60 students take this programme each year
- ▷ Ten credits per academic year
- ▷ All you pay for is your materials

## Nicky Pols

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

'I am doing the drawing and painting classes within the arts programme. I did art for six years at secondary school and have always been involved with creative activities. I really enjoy being able to continue that alongside my English Language and Culture programme. I was so busy with the reading for the theoretical subjects in my English programme that I had little 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 to my academic thinking.'





# Practicum Musicae

Do you play a musical instrument or sing at a high level? Have you wondered whether you should go to a conservatoire? Practicum Musicae might be just what you're looking for. Through ACPA you can combine your academic studies with a music programme at the Royal Conservatoire The Hague.

## 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](mailto: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 Practicum Musicae Orchestra is a platform for young and talent students who, alongside their academic studies at Leiden University and their PM programme, would like to play with others in an orchestra. The orchestra is led by young conductor Aafko Boonstra, a mathematics student and alumnus of PM Piano and PM Conducting, and plays a wide range of beautiful music. The level is high and the participants passionate. See [www.pmorkest.com](http://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 like to study at Leiden University? Meet us at the online Open Days!



[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/information-activities](https://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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