

Artistic entrance examination 2020

Photography

Practical information about the artistic entrance examination for permission to enrol in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts Programme, specialization Photography, for the academic year 2020-2021

The Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts programme is only available to candidate students who have passed the artistic entrance examination.

The artistic entrance examination assesses your artistic insight, cultural knowledge, creativity, skills and motivation. This two-day test consists of different assignments and an interview during which we will also discuss your curriculum vitae, possible home assignments and your portfolio.

1 Dates

In 2020 a second session of the artistic entrance examination will be organized on the following dates:

- Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September 2020

>>Registration is possible until 19 August 2020 !

>>Uploading files (cv, portfolio and motivation letter) by 22 August 2020 !

The artistic entrance examination in **September** is open for candidate students from **within** the EEA and **outside** the European Economic Area (EEA). *EEA = EU + Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein

One can only participate once per academic year in the artistic entrance exam for a specific specialization and option within the Visual Arts programme. It is however possible to participate in the entrance exam for different specializations and options in the same year.

1.1 IMPORTANT NOTE FOR CANDIDATES OUTSIDE THE EEA

Candidates from outside the EEA have to apply for a student visa. Keep in mind that you have to obtain a student visa and that the application procedure for this can take up to three months or longer.

Candidates who cannot be present at the start of the academic year due to Corona measures or problems obtaining a D-visa, may exceptionally still start until Monday, November 9 2020. In between the start of the academic year and your arrival in Belgium, you can take your theoretical classes digitally. Subject to modifications, some artistic assignments can also be communicated digitally.

We advise candidates to obtain their documents and travel to Belgium as soon as possible. If necessary with a tourist visa. The D-visa can still be arranged later on. You can apply for a residence permit through the student administration office.

You can find additional information about this under:

Programmes > Menu > Registration & Admission > Residence card

2 Registration and payment

You can register for an artistic entrance exam online, on <https://inschrijven.ap.be>. In order to participate in an artistic entrance exam, you must pay a non-refundable administrative fee of 25 euros, to be paid in advance, during the online registration. Payment is due on the 19th of August at the latest.

3 Practical information

The admission test and interviews will be held digitally.

Below you will find a description of what is expected.

The link where you can upload your files and additional information about the course of Day 1 and Day 2 will be sent to you by e-mail.

! The Academy is closed from the 20th of July until the 9th of August,

->the links for uploading your portfolio, motivation letter CV and additional information will also follow after the summer break

3.1 To be submitted in advance

1 C.V. indicating the studies carried out.

2 Letter of motivation with a very clear indication of why you choose this direction.

3 Portfolio

- ➔ Merge your C.V. , motivation letter and portfolio in one file (PDF)
- ➔ File name: use your personal name, so that we know to whom it belongs.
Example filename : name_familyname_portfolio_en.pdf
- ➔ Upload your files via the link that will be sent to you by email
- ➔ Submitting possible until 22 August

3.2 Course of this 2-day test

Day 1 Assignment: Thursday 3 of September 2020

1) The assignment for the essay (based on quotes from well-known photographers from which you can choose) will be released on the 3rd of September at 9:00 GMT + 2 hours via the link.

- This essay must be submitted on the 3rd of September before 12:00 GMT + 2 hours via the link.
- Upload your essay in PDF

2) A short text that is the starting point for the assignment for the practical test + a substantive question will be discussed during the interview **Day 1 and Day 2**.

At 12:00 GMT + 2 hours (if the essay has been submitted) the assignment + a substantive question will be released via the link.

- The assignment must be submitted on **Day 1 the 3rd of September before 23:59 GMT + 2 hours** via the link.
- Combine your documents in one file (PDF, JPG)

Day 1 and Day 2 Interview: Thursday 3 and Friday 4 of September 2020

The committee will give you an appointment by mail.

The interview will take place with the email address entered in your webregistration via Skype.

If you want to use a different email address or you want to do the interview via Teams, please let us know.

4 Description: Assignment and Interview

Assignment

1 Production of a photographic series based on a theme provided by the board of examiners.

The assignment will be briefed at the start of the admission test. At the start of the admission test, each participant will be asked to fill in a questionnaire. These questions serve to estimate the general cultural knowledge of the candidate.

A series of canonical photographs presented to the candidate.

Writing a paper based on submitted quotes on photography.

Interview

Where we assess your motivation, cultural interests and artistic background, discuss your portfolio and curriculum vitae and evaluate the photographic series assignment.

5 Results admission test

On Monday 7 of September 2020 you will receive a message whether or not you have passed the artistic entrance exam, along with some further information.

6 Passed the artistic entrance exam?

If you have passed the artistic entrance exam and if you also meet the diploma and language requirements, you can enrol in your chosen specialization in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts Programme for the academic year 2020-2021 or the academic year 2021-2022.

After passing the entrance exam, you will receive an e-mail from us with all the information needed in order to enrol.

Read more about the admission requirements on <https://ap-arts.be/en/academy>.