

INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL OFFICE



Name of Institute

ROYAL ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS ANTWERP
AP University of Applied Sciences and Arts Antwerp -
Antwerp University Association (AUHA)

Erasmus Code

B ANTWERP 62

Address

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BELGIUM

History

The Royal Academy of Fine Arts was founded in 1663 by David Teniers the Younger and constituted the fourth academy of fine arts worldwide. It became part of AP University of Applied Sciences and Arts in 2013 and has been operating as a unique entity under this umbrella ever since. Research at the Academy is done in collaboration with ARIA, Antwerp Research Institute for the Arts / University of Antwerp. There are currently around 600 students and researchers registered at the Academy, from about 50 different countries worldwide. This guarantees a truly inspiring and enriching international experience for everyone involved.

Website
Royal Academy

<https://www.ap-arts.be/en/academy>

Website
AP Hogeschool

www.ap.be/en/international



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. STUDENT EXCHANGE - All study programs (except fashion)

You can select your study program by picking a variety of courses from one of the offered degree programs. An exchange can be for one semester or for one academic year.

- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Jewelry & Gold- and silversmithing
- Costume Design
- Fine Arts: Sculpture
- Fine Arts: In Situ
- Fine Arts: Painting
- Fine Arts: Printmaking and drawing

More information on the Academy's [website](#)

We also offer an Educational Master in Visual Arts. Please note that this program is only available in Dutch. Have a look at the website for more information.

2. STUDENT EXCHANGE - European project semester (EPS)

In AP's European Project Semester (EPS), students will work with an international and interdisciplinary team of four to seven others on project challenges provided by companies and non-profit organizations (often in close cooperation with AP research groups). EPS significantly enhances students' competences in project-based collaboration, cross-cultural communication, entrepreneurship and English language proficiency. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded 30 credits.

More information on the AP website: www.ap.be/international/eps



3. STAFF EXCHANGE - International research projects

The Royal Academy of Fine Arts Antwerp has 4 research groups:

- **ArchiVolt:** coordinator Nico Dockx
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- **Thinking Tools:** coordinator Steven Humblet
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- **Art & Ecology:** coordinator Roel Arkesteijn
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- **MAXlab:** coordinator Kristof Timmerman
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We offer a great number of research projects, of which many have an international dimension.

More information on the Academy's website.

Every year, the Research Council of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts and Royal Conservatoire Antwerp (Schools of Arts) launches a call for research proposals. These calls are open to an international audience!

Next call for research projects

- Will be launched in Spring 2024
- Deadline 1st of December 2024

More info about procedures and preconditions on the Academy's website.

The Academy has undertaken a total of 5 projects in the context of Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the Global Minds South initiative. Starting in 2019, some of these projects have already been concluded, while others are only now getting started. We are proud to initiate and continue these international cooperations and hope to add more to our repertoire in the future.



APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Procedure

Step 1 – Nomination from partner institution

The partner nominates their students via our online registration system Mobility Online, via [this link](#)

You will need to mention:

- Name
- First name
- Gender
- Date of birth
- E-mail
- Contact coordinator
- Semester
- Study field

Step 2 – Student application

Students will receive an invitation to continue the application process and upload the required documents in Mobility Online.

You can find the full application procedure on [our website](#)

Step 3 – Admission

The student receives a message via email about their possible admission:

- Around 15th May for the first semester
- Around 15th November for the second semester



Deadlines

The deadlines for nominations:

- 15th April for Autumn semester/full year
- 15th October for Spring semester

The deadlines for student applications:

- before 1st May for Autumn semester/full year
- before 1st November for Spring semester

Academic year

Autumn semester: **September – January**
Exam in January

Spring semester: **February – June**
Exam in June

Credits system

ECTS (European Credits Transfer System)

CAMPUS

3 campuses

The Academy includes 3 campuses, all in the center of Antwerp. All theoretical lessons are organized on the main campus.

Campus Mutsaard

(main campus & student administration office)
Mutsaardstraat 31, 2000 Antwerpen

Campus Keizerstraat

(Graphic Design & some general theory classes)
Keizerstraat 14, 2000 Antwerpen

Campus Nationalestraat

(Fashion)
Nationalestraat 28, 2000 Antwerpen



3 exhibition spaces

Besides studios, the library, practical and theoretical premises, the Academy also has some special exhibition areas.

The Lange Zaal (*The Long Hall*) was built in the 19th century as part of the academy museum.

The Winter Garden, actually a covered cloister garden, is a flexible presentation platform.

The Temple is a beautiful neo-classicistic building designed by Pierre Bruno Bourla (under renovation at the moment).

Library

The **library of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts Antwerp** combines a selection of modern books and journals on every aspect of the visual arts with a unique historical collection which dates back to the 17th century.

EXTRA INFORMATION

Language

We offer our bachelor and master programs in both **Dutch** and **English**.

Welcome week

Before the start of each semester, we recommend that all exchange students attend the **welcome week** to get to know more about the Dutch language and Antwerp culture. This will prepare them for their semester abroad and help them meet other international students.

More info on the [AP website](#)

Housing

Studentkotweb, a unique database developed for students in Antwerp, offers a continuously updated database of 5,000 approved student rooms. Student services **Stuvo AP** also has some interesting student rooms in private management within walking distance of Roosevelt Square (Rooseveltplaats) and Central Station.

Budget

Estimated cost of living (varies between study programs):

- Room: €400/month
- Utilities (water, electricity, internet, fire insurance): €200
Please take into account that these amounts can vary and are subject to market fluctuations.
- Registration city hall: €25
- Bike rental: €100/year
- Living costs: €400-500/month
- Rent deposit: €800 (2 months' rent)
- Study materials: €100/semester (varies depending on study program)

Visa and insurance

International students who are staying in Belgium for more than three months, have to apply for a residence permit or make a 'declaration of presence' after arrival.

AP University of Applied Sciences and Arts helps international students with applying for their residence permit.

Visa and insurance

All information on the procedures for a residence permit via AP can be found on the AP website.

There are 4 procedures which you can follow:
<https://www.ap.be/en/residence-permit>

1. Students from a **neighbouring country or the UK**;
2. Students from a **EU/EEA country**;
3. Students from a **non-EU/EEA country**;
4. Stay of **1 semester** (for Erasmus students from a EU/EEA country).

For further questions, you can always contact us on studentadministration@ap.be



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