

PREPARATORY PROGRAMMES



**Royal
Academy of Art
The Hague**

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Creative? Discover if an art- and design programme is the right fit for you

Do you enjoy being creative and socially involved, and do you like experimenting? If so, the Orientation Course or the Preparatory Year could be something for you. During these preliminary courses you will get to know the programmes in art and design at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague (KABK). You will find out more about the workshops, discover what you will learn during the bachelor's programmes, wander around the building and work under the guidance of professional artists and designers.

By following a preliminary year you will learn to draw inspiration from the world around you and how to develop your ideas. You will experiment, try out techniques and carry out research, because the process that precedes work is at least as important as the work itself. After following a preliminary programme, you will be well prepared to make a choice about your further study programme, whether that is at the KABK or another art academy or creative programme.

The Orientation Course

During the Orientation Course you will learn about materials and techniques that you have never worked with before. Over the course of fifteen Saturdays you will get to know six of the twelve workshops and the seven bachelor's programmes. You will also go on a one-day excursion and there will be a presentation day. You will discover different techniques you can use in developing your work. You will also familiarise yourself with the different study directions within the world of art and design where the emphasis is on the process preceding your work.

This course is for: people who are curious whether an art study is the right thing for them. You're exploring your options but don't know yet whether you want to study at an art academy. You may be working or you are in your final school year and also want to see whether the art academy could be something for you.

Course length: 15 Saturdays (September to January, or February to June).

Course language: Dutch.

Criteria: Anyone who is considering studying at an art academy can register.

Procedure: You can register via our website, after which you'll be invited to an admission day when you can show your portfolio and will have an interview.





Find more information about the Orientation
Course and associated costs.

Introduction days 2018, photo: Frederik Klanberg



Open Day 2022, photo: Claudia Moraru

The Preparatory Year

The Preparatory Year encompasses all the study programmes in art and design at the KABK so that you can find out what appeals most to you. You will be part of the KABK community and will be regarded as a student at the academy. Lecturers will help you choose a subsequent programme that is right for you. There are three phases to the Preparatory Year: orientation, in-depth and preparation for admission.

If you choose to enroll in the Preparatory Year, you don't need to know exactly what you want to study yet. In the academy's workshop's, you will explore various techniques and attend exhibitions, films, and dance and theatre performances.

You will learn how to translate an idea into a concrete artwork and come to appreciate that the process preceding the end result is an important element. You will work through the steps you need to take to create a work, and will develop the curiosity of mind and attitude expected of students at an art academy. This will help you discover whether you and the KABK are a good match.

The Preparatory Year is for students who are sure they want to register for an art study. You have the qualifications to start a bachelor's programme but you still need some further preparation.

Course length: 1 year (four days or half days of lessons each week, as well as presentation, project and excursion days).

Course language: English (English is the second language for almost everyone and you will learn rapidly, so no need to worry about the level).

Criteria: High school (HAVO), pre-university (VWO) or secondary vocational 4 (MBO 4) diploma and an English test (see the website for more details).

Procedure: You can register via our website. You will then be invited to an admission day when you will show your portfolio and have an admission interview.



More information about the Preparatory Year and associated costs.



Open Day 2022, foto: Claudia Moraru

The workshops

During the Preparatory Year and the Orientation Course, you will have access to the workshops at the KABK. These workshops provide machines, materials, and space for you to explore and bring your ideas to life. From traditional printmaking techniques, ceramics, woodworking and metalwork to 3D modelling: everything you need is available.



More information
about the workshops.

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Overview of bachelor's programmes

If you are interested in enrolling in the Preparatory Year or the Orientation Course, you likely want to know what programmes are available afterward. These are the bachelor's programmes that you can take at the KABK:

- ArtScience
- Fine Art* ^
- Photography*
- Graphic Design
- Interactive / Media / Design
- Interior Architecture and Furniture Design
- Textile & Fashion

* You can take this programme part-time.

^ You can also take this programme as a Double Degree track (after a selection procedure at the end of the first year). In four years you can obtain both a bachelor's diploma from Leiden University and a diploma from the KABK.



More information about
the Bachelor's programmes.

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Want to know more?

The Open Day in November is your opportunity to find out more about the Preparatory Year and the Orientation Course. All bachelor's and master's programmes will also be represented. You can, of course, check our website: www.kabk.nl, where you will find videos featuring lecturers and students tell you more about the programme.



Register for
our Open Day!



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