

# Education plan

for

**International Master's Programme in Performance Studies**  
**Internationellt masterprogram i teatervetenskap och performance studies**

**120.0 Higher Education Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:** HMTVP  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2022  
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**Department:** Department of Culture and Aesthetics

## Decision

### Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in the Humanities or Social Sciences, including a degree project of at least 10 credits or equivalent. English 6 or equivalent.

### Programme structure

The performing arts are today more and more operating on a global and international level. Due to these developments professional fields related to theatre are changing and require intercultural knowledge and specific skills to be able to cope with project related and curational challenges. The Master programme is responding to this situation and will provide students with competences and skills that are important to their professional future. At the same time the study programme will expand their understanding of theatre and provide advanced theories and methods for the in- depth analysis of international contemporary and historical performance practices. Students graduating from the study programme will be able to work in the fields of theatre, festivals, cultural institutions and they will be well prepared to follow more expanded research in the academic field. This double bind of professional aspects and advanced research qualifications offers the students a profound basis for their professional career.

At the centre of teaching methods and didactics is the concept of supervised project work (both in research and practice) that demands from the students to engage in autonomous and group steered activities to foster their independent thinking, self-organization skills and creativity.

We have a close cooperation with the department of theatre studies at University of Amsterdam (UvA). Our students have the opportunity to take part in a study exchange of one semester in the Master programme "International Dramaturgy" at UvA (outgoing, fall, year 2). Our students will also take part in the Winter School at UvA, our teachers/professors will contribute to the teaching there. Students from Amsterdam will come to Stockholm either for an internship or for one semester (incoming, fall, year 1).

The master's program comprises four semesters of full-time studies (120 credits) and consists of both obligatory and elective courses. A semester normally consists of four courses of 7.5 credits each. The master's thesis occupies one semester (30 credits). Teaching is in English. Students who have a bachelor's degree in theater studies will during semester 1 read an elective course 7.5 credits in the main area of theatre- and performance studies, while other students study the course Introduction to performance studies, 7.5 credits. Elective courses outside the main area of theatre- and performance studies must be chosen in consultation with the director of studies.

## Goals

To acquire a MA degree students must

-demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the discipline, concerning both a wider knowledge in the field and a deeper knowledge in specific sections of the field inclusive of knowledge on recent research and development.

-demonstrate deeper methodological competences in the discipline

-demonstrate the capacity to integrate knowledge systematically and critically and to analyse, evaluate and investigate complex objects of study and scholarly problems even with limited information

-demonstrate skills in critically, independently and creatively identifying and formulating theses, to plan and execute qualified tasks with adequate methods in a given timeframe and therefore to contribute to the

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acquisition of knowledge to evaluate this work

-demonstrate skills to present their theses in oral and written form on a national and international level, to discuss facts and arguments grounding these theses with a group

-demonstrate skills enabling the participation in research and development of the field or in independent work in a qualified activity

-demonstrate skills to evaluate relevant scholarly, social and ethical aspects in the discipline and to show responsibility concerning ethical aspects in research and development

-demonstrate knowledge concerning scientific potentials and limits, their role in society and human responses to their application

-demonstrate the comprehension of the need to acquire further knowledge and of the responsibility to develop skills and competences further

## **Courses**

Year 1

Fall (= 30 ECTS credits)

- Cultural Theory and Transnational Performance I, obligatory, 7,5 hp

- Cultural Theory and Transnational Performance II, obligatory, 7,5 hp

- Introduction to Performance studies, 7,5 hp or an elective course (main area theatre- and performance studies), 7,5 hp or Transnational Performance Practice, 7,5 hp (only available if the student chooses to study in Winter School in Amsterdam).

- One eligible course (main area theatre- and performance studies) or, if the student chooses to study in Amsterdam semester 3: Scientific Methods and Research Ethics (The Department of Philosophy).

Year 1

Spring (= 30 ECTS credits)

- Curatorial Dramaturgy, obligatory, 7.5 hp

- Development and organisation of a curated event I, obligatory, 7.5 hp

- An elective course (main area humanities or social science), 7.5 hp

- Advanced Academic English obligatory, 7,5 hp (English Department)

Year 2

Fall (= 30 ECTS credits)

During the fall the student may study at the University of Amsterdam (UvA), at the masterprogramme International

- Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 hp (The Department of Philosophy)

- An elective course (main area humanities or social sciences), 7.5 hp

- Advanced Research Methods in Performance Studies, obligatory, 7,5 hp

- Development and organisation of a curated event II, 7.5 hp

Year 2

Spring (= 30 ECTS credits)

- Master Course and Thesis, 30 hp

The scope of courses at bachelor level is limited to a maximum of 15 credits.

## **Degree**

The programme qualifies for a Master's degree.