Research Master's in Arts and Culture

Art Studies

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Are you interested in developing a critical understanding of the position of the arts within society, including the historical perspective and its critical potential today? The programme will teach you to understand your own position as an arts scholar and to detect new research horizons across the art disciplines. This will help broaden your knowledge of the importance of art and culture in the world, for example through the migration of artists. You will be challenged to question your discipline and assess the importance of its history, theory and practice for the future.

The degree programme offers deep knowledge about the historic and contemporary interconnectedness of the arts, visual arts and culture, theatre, music and the academic disciplines that study them. It will also provide you with a thorough training in research skills and expert guidance in developing your own individual research and presenting it to experts and peers.
Career prospects
The programme provides a unique foundation for students planning to pursue a PhD degree or conduct academic research at a research institute. It also provides a sound basis for pursuing a career as policymaker within different cultural institutions located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands or abroad, such as the Rijksmuseum, Mauritshuis (The Hague), Museum Boijmans van Beuningen (Rotterdam), etc.
By the end of the study, you will be able to recognise key themes in contemporary discussions about the arts, their historical background and their role in society. You will also be trained to formulate questions and develop methods and practices to provide knowledgeable contributions and enrich these discussions.
Examples of jobs found by graduates:
• Research positions in art institutions;
• Policy advisers for cultural affairs;
• Academic research positions both national and international.

Spotlight on a course

Art Studies and the Humanities (12 ECTS)
The aim of this core module is to create a profound awareness of different art forms and their interplay, to different methodological and theoretical assumptions and their historicity. We will discuss how the different disciplines and research interests established themselves, and how their different methodological approaches evolved. We will also exercise various approaches to diverse art practices in their very historical and aesthetic constitution and will investigate interdisciplinary issues that are exemplary in the current research and debates within the Arts.
### Key data

**Degree**  
Research Master's in Arts and Culture

**Duration**  
2 years

**Mode**  
Full-time

**Credits**  
120 ECTS

**Start**  
1 September

**Language of instruction**  
English

**CROHO**  
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### Entry requirements

The Research Master’s in Art Studies is open to all students with a university Bachelor’s diploma, in:

- Cultural Studies
- Book Studies
- Art History
- Theatre Studies
- Music Studies

Art Studies is meant for students with strong academic interests. The selections committee will scrutinise the content of your Bachelor's programme, study results, motivation and Research Master's study plan. Please check: [uva.nl/ma-art-studies > Application and admission](uva.nl/ma-art-studies).

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