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Bachelor i musik (BMus) / Bachelor of Music (BMus)

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## **GENERAL RULES**

### **AUTHORITY**

The curriculum for the Bachelor study programme in Music is laid down under the authority of Executive Order no. 1324 of 23.11.2023 concerning the Danish Academies of Music and the Royal Opera Academy in the area of the Danish Ministry of Culture. This curriculum applies to all current students enrolled after 01.08.2018. Students enrolled at an earlier time may be subject to transitional rules.

### **ECTS CREDITS**

The Bachelor programme in Music is a full-time course of study corresponding to 180 ECTS credits. 60 points in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) corresponds to one year of full-time studies. The programme is organised as a full-time study programme within a three-year timeframe.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

The entrance requirement for the Bachelor study programme in Music is a passed entrance examination.

The entrance examination consists of an audition in the applicant's main subject and supplementary prohibitive examinations (i.e. examinations which must be passed). The applicant may apply for admission to several academies of music at the same time, in prioritised order. The decision on whether to admit an applicant is taken by the Academy on the basis of a concrete assessment of the applicant's abilities and skills. The requirements of the music profession are also taken into consideration, as well as the need to attain an appropriate balance of instruments and voices.

The common rules of the academies of music on admission procedures:

- The requirements, procedures and forms for admission are available on the common website of the academies of music.
- Applicants indicate on the application form the academies to which they wish to apply for admission, in prioritised order.

The academies recognise the results of each other's entrance examinations, such that grades obtained at a particular academy of music may be used as the basis for admission to a different academy. The individual academies may however hold supplementary tests if so required by special circumstances.

### **INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING STUDENTS**

Prior to the commencement of studies, a legally binding agreement must be entered into between the Royal Danish Academy of Music and the student. ('Contract determining the Conditions set for the Provision of Education for International Students at the Royal Danish Academy of Music'.)

### **TITLE AWARDED**

Graduates of the Bachelor programme in Music are entitled to use the title Bachelor of Music (BMus) (accordion). The title in Danish is: Bachelor i musik (BMus) (accordeon).

# PURPOSE AND COMPETENCY PROFILE OF THE PROGRAMME

The purpose of the programme is, on the basis of the individual student's talent and capabilities, to strengthen and develop the student's competencies with a view to employment as a musician and teacher of instrumental music, and in related professional areas.

The Bachelor programme is a discrete study programme that provides students with a foundation for further studies at Master's level. The Bachelor programme can also provide the basis for the practice of professional functions.

The following are the knowledge, skills and competencies the student is expected to acquire after completion of the first cycle.

## Knowledge

- On the basis of their own work, students learn to understand and reflect on the artistic practices and methods of the subject.
- Artistic knowledge of a wide repertoire, significant musical styles and related traditions of practice in field, as well as in-depth knowledge of individual works and more specialised repertoire.
- Research-based knowledge in relevant areas of fundamental features of music history, as well as basic elements and organisational patterns in music, including part-writing techniques, and the ability to relate this to one's own musical practice.
- Research-based knowledge of basic pedagogical theory and teaching methods.
- Fundamental knowledge of the music industry and cultural life, as well as an understanding of music performance in a wider context.

## Skills

- Skills to express oneself artistically within a variety of relevant styles with imagination and empathy.
- Skills to evaluate artistic challenges, and to justify and select relevant musical expressions and interpretation possibilities.
- Skills to communicate about artistic expressions and professional issues with both peers and non-specialists.
- Skills to apply aural training and other general skills associated with the field in solution-oriented rehearsal and private study in relation to professional practice.
- Skills to apply relevant scientific methods and assess theoretical issues in selected areas.

## Competencies

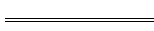
- Competency to realise an artistic expression, identify one's own learning needs, and structure one's own learning in connection with musical practice.
- Competency to handle the psychological, physiological, planning and communication demands of public performance and the prior rehearsal and practice.
- Competency to communicate one's practice of music in writing and speech, and to place it in a broader context.
- Competency to interact musically in ensembles of various sizes, and to engage independently and professionally in collaborations across different disciplines and styles.
- Competency to apply musical, pedagogical and instrumental knowledge in teaching.

# STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

## SCHEMA (ECTS AND TEACHING)

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Subject group	Subject	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	
Principal study	Principal study and career-related principal studies	35 ECTS	35 ECTS	20 ECTS	20 ECTS
General subjects	Aural training	5 ECTS	5 ECTS		
	Harmony and parts writing	4 ECTS	4 ECTS		
	Analysis/communication	4 ECTS	4 ECTS		
	Music history/strategic mediation	3 ECTS	3 ECTS		
	Entrepreneurship			4 ECTS	
Didactic subjects	Performance psychology and music pedagogy	9 ECTS	9 ECTS		
	Principal study-related pedagogy			12 ECTS	
	Elective subjects			4 ECTS	
	TOTAL	60 ECTS	60 ECTS	60 ECTS	

The marking  indicates that the ECTS credits are triggered by certificate.

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The marking  indicates the duration of the teaching.

# **1. PRINCIPAL STUDY AND CAREER-RELATED PRINCIPAL STUDIES**

(1st-6th semester)

## **LEARNING CONTENT**

The aim of the teaching is to equip the student with fundamental maturity and musicality in the principal study, as a basis for further studies in the Master's programme and professional work.

The teaching is arranged individually, according to each student's capabilities, needs and repertoire knowledge, and consists mainly of individual lessons, which may be supplemented with class teaching, etc. Emphasis is placed on the student's ability to combine personal artistic expression with a solid technical foundation.

Chamber music teaching forms an integral part of the principal study tuition. This part of the course aims at developing the student's prerequisites for participating in chamber music ensembles, including repertoire knowledge and ensemble playing ability. Students from other departments may also participate in the chamber music teaching, as well as students from one's own department.

An indicative, internal proficiency test may be held in the fourth semester.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS**

### **Principal study**

Individual and class teaching, plus smaller classes (chamber music).

## **EXAMINATION REGULATIONS 1ST YEAR PROFICIENCY TEST, ACCORDION**

### **After the second semester**

#### **Learning outcomes**

The purpose of the test is to examine the student's basic technical and artistic abilities and progression, in order to assess whether the student is likely to be able to complete the study programme.

At the first-year proficiency test, the student is expected to:

- Be able to evaluate certain artistic challenges and technical instrumental issues, under supervision, and select relevant expressions and solutions
- Be capable of expressing musical intentions through the application of certain instrumental techniques and skills, such as rhythmic and harmonic understanding, intonation and tonal/dynamic variation
- Possess knowledge of a certain selection of relevant repertoire and styles, and a more thorough knowledge of individual works
- Be able to convey an artistic expression with a beginning sense of style, phrasing ability and empathy
- Be able to organise his or her time appropriately in a rehearsal context.

#### **Examination form and duration**

30-minute practical test, including assessment.

#### **Moderation and assessment**

The test is assessed by an external moderator, an internal moderator, and the student's own principal subject teacher. A grade is awarded according to the currently applicable marking scale.

#### **Permitted examination aids**

Not relevant.

#### **Special provisions**

Pursuant to the applicable Education Order, the student must register for the first-year proficiency test prior to the end of the second semester after commencing the programme, and must pass the first-year proficiency test before the end of the fourth semester.

Under the guidance of the student's teacher, the student compiles a programme consisting of:

- Two or more works or work extracts, which must be of different character and style, including a transcription from the period before 1900. The programme may include chamber music.

The programme must have a duration of approximately 15 minutes.



The examination also includes a sight reading task (*prima vista*). The internal moderator is responsible for selecting and preparing the sight reading test. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the programme is submitted on time to the Study Administration.



## **BACHELOR PROJECT, ACCORDION**

### **After the sixth semester**

#### **Learning outcomes**

The purpose of the Bachelor project is to document that the student has achieved a fundamental maturity and musicality in the principal study, as a basis for further studies in the Master's programme and professional work.

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Be able to evaluate artistic challenges and technical instrumental issues, and justify and select relevant expressions and solutions
- Be able to realise musical intentions through the application of instrumental techniques and skills, including rhythmic and harmonic understanding, equality, flexibility, projection and capacity to vary tone and dynamics
- Possess knowledge of a wide repertoire, relevant musical styles and the related artistic practice and rehearsal traditions, and possess in-depth knowledge of individual works or more specialised repertoire
- Be able to convey an artistic expression with a sense of style, phrasing ability, empathy, visualisation and tonal imagination
- Be capable of handling the psychological and physiological demands associated with public performance
- Be capable of managing time and effort in relation to practising, learning and rehearsals, independently and with professional discipline
- Be able to communicate artistic content and issues to both peers and non-specialists through independent programme planning and oral or written presentation, on the basis of knowledge and skills relating to the general subjects of the study programme

#### **Examination form and duration**

60-minute practical test, including assessment time. The test takes the form of a public concert of approximately 45 minutes' duration, consisting of approximately 30 minutes of solo playing and approximately 15 minutes of chamber music, at which the student presents his or her own programmes with written or oral programme notes. The programme presentation should have a maximum duration of five minutes, or a maximum size of three A4 pages.

#### **Moderation and assessment**

The test is assessed by an external moderator, an internal moderator, and the student's own teacher. A grade is awarded according to the currently applicable marking scale.

### Permitted examination aids

Not relevant.

### Special provisions

Under the guidance of the student's own principal study teacher and chamber music teacher, the student compiles a programme that contains approximately 30 minutes of solo repertoire and approximately 15 minutes of chamber music repertoire. The examination repertoire must encompass works from three different styles. The programme list must be certified by the student's own teacher and submitted to the Study Administration.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the programme list is certified by the student's teacher and submitted on time to the Study Administration.

If the student chooses to give a written programme presentation, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that copies are made and provided to the moderators and the student's own teacher.

The student is responsible for making an arrangement with an accompanist, if one is required.

If works with harpsichord or organ are included, it is the student's responsibility to submit a requisition for these to the Study Administration at least **one month** before the test. If other special instruments or equipment are included, it is also the student's responsibility to inform the Study Administration of this at least **one month** before the test.

## 2. GENERAL SUBJECTS

(1st-6th semester)

### AURAL TRAINING

(1st-4th semester)

#### Learning content:

The object of the teaching is to develop and sharpen the student's musicianly awareness and skill. The principal features of the subject's method comprise the development of inner pitch and the acquisition of skills in appraising, acquiring and realising a printed score. The teaching in aural studies encompasses exercises and literature examples, for example in melody and harmony, rhythm, including both traditional and more recent forms of notation, auditory and visual analysis, score playing, transposition and reduction. Work is done in major/minor keys, free tonal and atonal styles, and *prima vista* and *secunda vista* singing and playing.

#### Teaching and learning methods:

Class teaching.

#### Examination regulations: After the fourth semester

#### Learning outcomes

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Be able to independently study and learn music on the basis of a score
- Be capable of reproducing both monophonic and polyphonic rhythms as well as tonal and atonal melodic sequences
- Be able to perform score playing, reduction, transposition and accompaniment on the piano for use in rehearsal and teaching in the main instrument
- Possess knowledge of auditory analysis and, on the basis of a pre-played piece of music, be able to describe the sequence in terms of harmony and form

#### Examination form and duration

Practical examination. The examination has a duration of 30 minutes, including assessment. 30 minutes' preparation time is allowed, with a piano.

The student is examined in:

<b>Rhythm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One monophonic task, performed with time marking for guidance</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A two-part combination task. The task takes the form of both a sung/clapped task and a two-handed rhythm</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An instrumental/vocal score sample from the musical literature, reproduced with time marking for guidance</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's main instrument is the voice (also applies to AM):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vocal score sample from the musical literature is spoken in text, with accompanying conducting patterns.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A task prepared for the occasion with special emphasis on polyrhythms. The task is performed on the student's main instrument. The examination task may involve ensemble playing, and is set one week before the examination.</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's field of study is composition or recording director:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A task prepared for the occasion with special emphasis on polyrhythms. The task is performed on the piano or on another instrument, according to the student's own choice. The examination task may involve ensemble playing, and is set one week before the examination.</li> </ul>
<b>Melody</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An accompanied song</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's main instrument is the voice (also applies to AM):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An accompanied song, sung with lyrics</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unaccompanied free tonal or atonal melodic task</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's main instrument is organ:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unaccompanied free tonal or atonal melodic task that may be scored in alto or tenor clef</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's main instrument is the voice (also applies to AM):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unaccompanied free tonal or atonal melodic task, sung with lyrics</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sung/played two-part piece</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's field of study is composition or church music:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sung/played three-part polyphonic piece</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's field of study is piano:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A song or lied is performed with piano accompaniment. The melody line is sung and the piano accompaniment is played as written</li> </ul>

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<b>Score playing/</b>	According to the choice of the moderator, <i>either</i>
<b>Reduction/</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance on the piano or own instrument of a melody scored in the treble, alto, tenor and bass clefs, <i>or</i></li> <li>• Performance on the piano or own instrument of a melody scored in the key of B, A and/or F.</li> </ul>
<b>Figuration/</b>	
<b>Transposition</b>	
	<p><i>If the student's field of study is church music:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance of a four-part choral piece scored in the treble and bass clefs</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's field of study is singing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction/figuration playing: An extract from a song or lied is performed with piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is played as written, or performed as a reduced figuration accompaniment</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's field of study is piano:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transposition of a piano accompaniment</li> </ul>

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<b>Auditory analysis</b>	<p>According to the student's own choice, the student is examined in <i>either</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aural analysis of a pre-played piano piece or recorded instrumental music, <i>or</i></li> <li>• Functional harmony analysis of a homophonic part</li> </ul> <p><i>If the student's field of study is church music:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functional harmony analysis of a Bach chorale or another advanced homophonic part.</li> </ul>
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<b>Dictation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In connection with the examination, a minimum of twelve assignments are presented which have been completed during the course and approved by the teacher.</li> </ul>
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**Moderation and assessment**

The test is assessed by an internal moderator and the student's own teacher. The examination is assessed as a whole, in accordance with the currently applicable marking scale.

**Permitted examination aids**

The student may bring a metronome.

**Special provisions**

It is the joint responsibility of the teacher and the internal moderator to formulate the examination assignments. The polyrhythm assignment will be available from the Study Administration **one week** prior to the examination.

## **HARMONY AND PARTS WRITING**

(1st-4th semester)

### **Learning content:**

The purpose of the course in harmony and parts writing is to contribute to the students' musical and artistic development and support their future work as performers, teachers and/or communicators by giving them insight into basic part-writing principles in various styles, stimulating the students' creative abilities, musical imagination and sense of compositional craftwork and quality through part-writing exercises, and providing students with the theoretical prerequisites to be able to write, arrange or transcribe small pieces for use in music teaching. The teaching consists of theoretical reviews, written and practical parts-writing work, and analytical exercises. Work is done with both homophonic and contrapuntal part types.

### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Class teaching. Minor assignment submissions are included as a compulsory element in the teaching.

### **Examination regulations:**

#### **After the fourth semester**

### **Learning outcomes**

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

Have acquired experience of music theory in practice, including knowledge of parts technique in various styles, as well as thorough familiarity with various types of harmony, both homophonic and polyphonic

Possess well-developed knowledge of the notation practice of classical music

Be able to analyse various types of harmony and apply musical analysis to work with parts writing

Be capable of understanding and reflecting upon the tools and methods of music theory on the basis of practical/productive work

Be able to handle and include challenges of music theory in his or her own work with parts writing on the basis of artistic and stylistic choices and assessments

Be able to act on a well-founded and stylistically adequate part-writing basis in the student's productive/teaching work

### **Examination form and duration**

Written submission. Five parts works are submitted.

*In the case of less than 80% attendance (the 80% is calculated for each of the two years):*

Written submission of five parts works and a set written examination at the Academy.  
Four hours are allowed for the set assignment.

### **Moderation and assessment**

The examination is assessed by an internal moderator and the student's own teacher.  
The examination is assessed as a whole, in accordance with the currently applicable marking scale.

### **Permitted examination aids**

None.

### **Special provisions**

After the conclusion of the course the student submits five parts works compiled during the 1st-4th semesters. These must include:

- 1 uncorrected choral harmonisation exercise on an unfigured melody provided by the teacher
- 4 uncorrected exercises, including at least one arrangement, as well as a contrapuntal piece

It is a requirement that the starting-point of the prepared piece must be enclosed. In the case of larger parts works, the student selects an extract for assessment. The five parts works must be submitted electronically.

*In the case of less than 80% attendance (the 80% is calculated for each of the two years):*

In addition to the submission of the five parts works, an arrangement must be written of a folk tune or the like for a small complement, possibly with figuration, or a contrapuntal part/part extract on the basis of a given theme/cantus firmus. Both types of task will lie within the syllabus studied during the course.

## **ANALYSIS/COMMUNICATION**

(1st-4th semester)

### **Learning content:**

In the first semester students are given a basic introduction to the main form types (sonata, rondo, variation, fugue and lieder).

During the subsequent three semesters, students are taught in small classes. The teaching strengthens the student's ability to describe and communicate music on the basis of knowledge of the forms of Western musical culture, with a starting-point in the classical musical forms. The teaching covers a variety of analytical methods and terminologies.

### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Lectures and classes. As part of the teaching, students provide presentations, either in groups or individually, in the form of concert introductions and music analyses.

### **Examination regulations:**

#### **After the fourth semester**

### **Learning outcomes**

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Possess broad knowledge in the analysis of music from various historical periods, as well as thorough familiarity with the various form types and principles
- Be able to apply analytical tools and methods as the foundation for a broad and nuanced approach to musical interpretation
- Be able to independently understand and reflect upon tools and methods in music theory on the basis of musical analysis
- Be able to analyse pieces in various styles with imagination and empathy, and apply musical analysis in connection with rehearsal and professional performance
- Possess a basic knowledge of issues of music theory and their communication in a broader cultural context
- Master the tools and methods to communicate artistic as well as formal and structural aspects to both peers and non-specialists
- Be able to handle the demands of oral communication in connection with public performance



**Examination form and duration**

Oral examination. The examination has a duration of 40 minutes, including assessment.

**Moderation and assessment**

The examination is assessed by an internal moderator and the student's own teacher. The examination is assessed as a whole, in accordance with the currently applicable marking scale.

**Permitted examination aids**

Scores, notes and possible audio files on CD.

Other examination aids, such as a projector or the like, must be agreed with the teacher.

**Special provisions**

The student is examined in one of five works/work extracts submitted in the examination syllabus, and which have been studied during the course. The student brings his or her own scores and notes.

The student's presentation is divided into two parts: A concert introduction and an analysis of the work. In communication terms, the introduction should be aimed at an ordinary concert audience.

The teacher, jointly with the students, is responsible for selecting the five works/work extracts that are studied during the course.

The teacher is responsible for presenting the works to be used in the examination to the moderator.

The Study Administration is responsible for ensuring that there is a piano and PA equipment available in the examination room.

## **MUSIC HISTORY/STRATEGIC MEDIATION**

(1st-4th semester)

### **Learning content:**

The subject is an introduction to musical main currents in the western culture and to strategies within mediation of music. The music is put into perspective along with historic and analytical angles as well as examples on ordinary thoughts of the time. The student will also develop their skills in oral and written presentation of music and debate the norms and patterns of musical life.

### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Lectures and classes. Minor oral and written presentations are included as a compulsory element in the teaching.

The teaching covers:

- Oral introductions by the teacher
- Reading of a series of texts, equivalent to 250 normal pages in total
- Practical exercises in mediation of music in a competent and easily accessible way.

### **Examination regulations:**

#### **1.-4. semester**

### **Learning outcomes**

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Possess knowledge about and be able to explain about the progression of music history in highlights.
- Be able to include relevant knowledge about historic relations in own musicianship as well as in pedagogical connections.
- Be able to identify own needs of learning within music history and mediation.
- Be able to seek out, gather and acquire relevant professional knowledge.
- Be able to mediate the knowledge about music, both oral and written, towards a broader audience and furthermore put into words the value of a living cultural life.

### **Examination form and duration**

#### **Examination and duration**

The subject is a certification subject.

To obtain certification, the student must:

- Attend at least 80% of the classes during the academic year and submit at least one oral or written presentation each semester.

If certification is not obtained because of lack of attendance or presentations, the student must attend an oral examination with a duration of 30 minutes. The examination has focus on firstly, a) mediation and afterwards on b) knowledge about music history.

- a) A week before the examination will the student get access to 10 musical works the student can use for preparation. 30 minutes before the exam the student draws one of the works to further preparation with all aids allowed. At the examination the student will mediate it as to an ordinary concert audience.
- b) Immediately after the mediation the student draws a topic from the music history subject on Canvas and will expound it for 10 minutes. There is no preparation time.

The examinations a) and b) will be a combined assessment and is awarded pass/fail.

### **Scope**

Adequate attendance means an average of 80% of the lessons over an entire academic year. If the student cannot obtain a certificate, they will a) choose from 10 works from the given year and b) draw a music history topic from the syllabus for the given year.

### **Moderation and assessment**

The certificate is assessed by the student's own teacher. The certificate is awarded pass/fail. In the event of an oral exam the test is assessed by internal moderator and the student's own teacher. The exam is awarded pass/fail

### **Permitted examination aids**

At the oral examination after the fourth semester all aids are permitted to prepare.

### **Special provisions**

Not relevant.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

(5th semester)

### **Learning content:**

The course develops the student's awareness of the complex working life of a professional musician, and provides the student with knowledge of entrepreneurship.

Topics covered include project development and project management for the realisation of concert activities and festivals, etc., including budgeting and financial management for basic fundraising, as well as basic knowledge of collective agreements and rights in the field of music. The student also acquires basic knowledge of marketing and communication in, for example, the social media and websites, as well as elevator pitches. Practical experience with entrepreneurship from the students' own concert activities and projects both inside and outside the Academy may also be drawn upon on an ongoing basis in the teaching.

### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Class teaching. Parts of the teaching may take the form of project tuition.

### **Examination regulations: After the fifth semester**

#### **Learning outcomes**

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Possess basic knowledge of important financial, commercial and communicative aspects of the music business and cultural life
- Be able to understand and reflect upon one's own musical practice in relation to other actors and audiences in music life
- Be capable of assessing professional challenges and issues in connection with project work, concert activity or entrepreneurship

#### **Examination form and duration**

The course is a certificate course. To obtain a certificate, the student must:

Actively participate in the teaching and in project work, which should result in a concrete project/event/concert. Additionally, the students must submit a report documenting significant aspects of project management, production, economics, business, and communication related to the project. The work can be done in smaller groups in agreement with the instructor.

If a certificate is not obtained, the student must submit an assigned written home assignment of 5-8 standard pages. **One week** is given for the completion of the home assignment.

**Moderation and assessment**

The test is assessed by an internal moderator and the student's own teacher. The grade awarded is pass/fail.

**Permitted examination aids**

None.

**Special provisions**

The student is responsible for ensuring that the assignment is collected on time from the Study Administration and submitted on time. The assignment must be submitted electronically.

### **3. PRINCIPAL STUDY-SPECIFIC DIDACTICS**

(1st-6th semester)

#### **PERFORMANCE PSYCHOLOGY AND MUSIC PEDAGOGY**

(1st-4th semester)

##### **Learning content:**

In the first year of study, the student builds up music teaching competency in the area of musical expertise development in relation to instrumental and singing teaching. On the basis of pedagogical and psychological theory, the student acquires specialised knowledge of practising and of handling the performance situation.

In the second year, on the basis of pedagogical research, the student studies fundamental music teaching theory (i.e. music teaching, music didactics and educational psychology) and music teaching issues in relation to various types of practical teaching situations, both in general and in relation to the principal study.

##### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Lectures and classes. Minor assignment submissions may be included as a mandatory element in the teaching.

##### **Examination regulations:**

###### **After the fourth semester**

##### **Learning outcomes**

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Possess basic knowledge of music pedagogy, music didactics and educational psychology
- Possess basic knowledge and skills in selecting, planning and evaluating flexible teaching methods
- Be able to identify his or her own learning needs and reflect on his or her own learning processes
- Be capable of handling issues relating to the rehearsal situation, practical music performance and teaching
- Be able to discuss general and specific music teaching issues with peers

##### **Examination form and duration**

Set written assignment of 10-15 standard pages. **Two weeks** are allowed for the assignment.

**Moderation and assessment**

The examination is assessed by an external moderator, an internal moderator, and the student's own teacher. The examination is assessed as a whole, in accordance with the currently applicable marking scale.

**Permitted examination aids**

All examination aids are permitted.

**Special provisions**

The student is responsible for ensuring that the assignment is collected on time from the Study Administration and submitted on time. The assignment must be submitted electronically.

## **PRINCIPAL STUDY-RELATED PEDAGOGY**

(5th-6th semester)

### **Learning content:**

The course in principal study-related pedagogy seeks to stimulate the interest and desire of the student to provide teaching and create a foundation for further didactic studies by providing an introduction to and description of the instrument teaching profession. The course will raise awareness of the teaching process, and help to identify the student as a communicator of music.

### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Classes, which may be supplemented by observational training/own teaching.

The teaching is typically organised into the following main groups: 1) strings, 2) woodwind, 3) brass, 4) percussion, 5) piano, 6) guitar and 7) accordion.

### **Examination regulations:**

#### **After the sixth semester**

### **Learning outcomes**

At the conclusion of the subject, the student is expected to:

- Be familiar with repertoire and exercises suitable for teaching, and be able to evaluate and select from among these and take a critical position in relation to teaching materials
- Possess knowledge of didactic methods and practices in basic music and instrumental teaching
- Be able to reflect on teaching situations and processes on the basis of knowledge of appropriate rehearsal, teaching progression and basic bodily relationships to the instrument
- Be capable of communicating fundamental pedagogical/didactic issues to peers relating to the student's own instrument
- Be aware of how a teaching situation can be presented with inspiration and quality on the basis of the student's own artistic practice
- Be able to identify his or her own learning needs and structure his or her own studies in the area of principal study teaching.

### **Examination form and duration**

The subject is a certification subject. To obtain the certificate:

- Students of subjects with one or two course sessions must not have any absence.
- In subjects with three or four course sessions, students must not have more than one day of absence.



- In subjects with five course sessions or more, students must have a minimum of 80% attendance.

If the certificate is not awarded, the student must take a written examination in the subject. Set written assignment of 8-10 standard pages. **One week** is allowed for the assignment.

**Moderation and assessment**

The written assignment is assessed by an internal moderator and the student's own teacher. The grade awarded is pass/fail.

**Permitted examination aids**

Not relevant.

**Special provisions**

The student is responsible for ensuring that the assignment is collected on time from the Study Administration and submitted on time. The assignment must be submitted electronically.

## 4. ELECTIVE SUBJECT

(5<sup>TH</sup> semester)

### Learning content:

The purpose of the subject elements is to make expansion or perspectivation of the artistic objects field possible. This is obtained through theoretical or practical work with the subject areas within or related to music, or by acquiring knowledge or competencies in a subject area beyond music, that is still relating to the student's study course.

Elective subjects can be attained from RDAM or on other educations. The possible elective subjects will be described in the course catalogue.

### Teaching and learning methods:

Classes. The exact teaching and learning methods will follow the purpose of the chosen subject.

### Learning outcomes

By the end of the module the student is expected to

- Describe relevant terms and themes that are relevant to the chosen subject.
- Describe relevant methodical approaches to the theme of the chosen subject.
- Explain connections, analyse, and, if possible, contribute with new terms and solutions.
- Discuss the elective subjects' themes/problems or interpret and present artistic material relevant to the chosen subject.

### The following elements can be considered as an elective subject:

The student shall choose an elective subject on the Royal Danish Academy of Music or another ECTS-awarding conservatoire or university education, e.g. as a part of an exchange semester.

It is also possible to take a course through Global Conservatoire or through other credit awarding activities.

Other credit awarding activities must be preapproved by the study board at RDAM.

### Examination form and duration

The subject is a certification course and is passed with a minimum of 80% attendance and active participation, with the criteria for this outlined in the course description in the elective course catalog.

The certification counts as the first of three examination attempts. If the certification is not achieved, this first examination attempt is used, and a re-examination is planned in the next available re-examination period.

The form of the re-examination depends on the individual course, and the description of this is provided in the course description.

### **Grading and Assessment**

The first examination attempt (certification) is assessed by the student's own teacher.

In the case of a written re-examination, the exam is assessed by the student's own teacher. For an oral re-examination, the exam is assessed by an internal examiner and the student's own teacher.

The course is graded as Pass/Fail.

### **Permitted Aids**

Not applicable.

### **Special Regulations**

For all elective courses, there is an attendance requirement of 80% of the teaching sessions, but the teaching is based on full participation. In addition to usual, prepared participation, there may be ongoing assignments, preparation of presentations, or other tasks required. This will be specified in the course description if applicable.

The teacher is responsible for recording whether the student has achieved certification within the described framework.

The teacher is also responsible for informing the examination office if the student has used their first examination attempt.

The teacher is responsible for providing a relevant assignment for any re-examination.

The examination office is responsible for scheduling the student for the re-examination.

# GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

## EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

These examination guidelines apply to the curricula for the Bachelor and Master's programmes.

### BEFORE THE EXAMINATION

#### Examination basis

The examination basis is described in the curriculum that applies to the individual student. All of the curricula may be found at the Academy's website at [www.dkdm.dk](http://www.dkdm.dk). All moderators must be familiar with the examination basis in advance of the holding of the examination.

#### Examination papers

The Study Administration is responsible for ensuring that copies are made of the relevant examination papers in advance of the examination.

An examination folder will typically contain an examination plan, assessment forms, curricula, the Assessment Order, guidelines for the holding of the examination, and possible programmes and repertoire lists. The internal moderator is responsible for collecting these from the Study Administration before the examination commences.

#### Prima vista tasks and set tasks

The examination regulations state who is responsible for providing a possible prima vista/set task.

#### Definition of a standard page

A standard page is defined as 2,400 characters, including spaces. Unless otherwise stated, the front page, bibliography, table of contents and any attachments are not included in the page count. Footnotes are included.

#### Other participants at the examination

The examination regulations state who is responsible for ensuring the presence of other participants at the examination. If this is not stated in the curriculum, the Study Administration and the student's own teacher jointly agree who will be responsible.

#### Transfer and private student examinations

In the case of transfer examinations from other Danish academies of music, and examinations of private students where the examinee does not have a teacher employed at the Academy, an internal moderator will be appointed by the head of department for the subject.

#### Submission deadlines for logbooks, programmes, reports, repertoire lists, etc.

Submission deadlines for logbooks, programmes, reports, repertoire lists, etc. may be found on the Academy's intranet. Students who have not submitted compulsory examination materials on time, including the examination programme, may risk having the examination in question administratively cancelled and the student being registered as absent.

## **DURING THE EXAMINATION**

### **Duration of the examination**

It is the responsibility of the internal moderator to ensure that the prescribed normal or maximum duration of the examination is complied with. It is also the responsibility of the internal moderator to ensure that complex examinations with many participants are carried out according to plan by making sure that the timetable is kept to. If an incorrect duration has been given in the examination submissions, the examinee must be prepared to allow the moderator panel to deselect parts of the programme. It is the responsibility of the internal moderator to inform the examinee in the event of the curtailment of the examination.

### **Access for observers**

No observers are permitted in the case of non-final examinations unless the examinee permits this. In the case of final examinations in the principal study, observers are allowed unless the examinee does not permit this.

### **Factual errors**

If formal errors are found during the course of the examination in relation to the examination regulations, the internal moderator is required to determine whether the examination can be completed. If the choice lies between postponing the examination and implementing it with major or minor deviations from the regulations, efforts should be made to ensure that the examinee is benefited as far as possible, and that the external moderator accepts possible deviations from the regulations. In case of cancellation of the examination (other than in the case of the absence of the student or the unavoidable absence of the moderator), the internal moderator must report this to the Study Administration in writing as soon as possible.

### **Absence of the examinee**

If the student is absent from the examination, this will be noted on the assessment form, after which the examination will count as one of the three examination attempts to which the student is entitled. The assessment form must be signed by all moderators.

### **Absence of internal or external moderator**

If the external moderator is absent without prior notice, it should be investigated whether the moderator can be replaced immediately or within a short space of time by another appointed moderator from the moderator list. In very special cases, an ad hoc appointed moderator may participate. Under normal circumstances, however, the examination will be cancelled. If the internal moderator is absent without prior notice, it should be investigated whether the moderator can be replaced immediately or within a short space of time by another moderator from the subject area. Under normal circumstances, however, the examination will be cancelled.

### **Absence of the student's teacher**

If the student's own teacher is absent (either through unavoidable absence or absence without prior notice), the examination will be cancelled.

### **Absence of a contributing participant**

If a participant is absent whose presence is required to complete the examination, the examination should only be conducted with a substitute if both the examinee and the moderator agree to this.

### **Absence of a performer**

If one of the student's singers or musicians is absent, this will count as an examination attempt, and one attempt at the examination will be deemed to have been used up. If the absence is due to documented illness, this will be regarded as equivalent to the student himself or herself being absent due to illness, and a make-up examination will be planned. If a singer or musician is absent and the student has found a replacement, efforts will be made to hold a re-examination as soon as possible.

### **Notification of assessment**

All assessments will be notified in the examination room/assessment room. It is the responsibility of the internal moderator to inform the examinee of the outcome of the assessment. The grade (or the assessment Pass/Fail) should be communicated first, after which the internal moderator may supplement this with relevant remarks summarising the assessment of the moderators. The other moderators should not comment unless the internal moderator invites them to do so.

## **AFTER THE EXAMINATION**

### **Appeals**

The student is entitled to appeal the assessment awarded. The regulations governing this are stated in the Executive Order no. 1324 of 23.11.2023 concerning the Danish Academies of Music and the Royal Opera Academy. In connection with the examination, it is the responsibility of the internal moderator to inform the examinee of the appeals process, with reference to the Order.

## **GRADING**

Grades are awarded in conformity with Executive Order no. 1244 of 11 December 2009 on Marking Scales and Other Forms of Assessment at Certain Educational Institutions under the Danish Ministry of Culture.

## **ASSESSMENT OF PRIVATE STUDENTS**

Upon application, assessments by the Academy may be undertaken for private students, i.e. persons who have not during the past three years been enrolled as students at one of the music academies or the Opera Academy.

The Academy may charge the private student a fee in full or partial coverage of the expenses incurred in carrying out the assessment.

It is not possible for private students to register for the public concert (debut concert) of the Academy or the Opera Academy, or the like.

## **CREDIT, INTERNSHIP AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **CREDIT RULES**

In connection with applications for credit, the student is required to obtain and present documentation to the extent required by the Academy.

### **RULES FOR INTERNSHIP**

Internship may be included as a study element in some subjects of the Bachelor study programme, but cannot in itself substitute for an examination.

## **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

This curriculum shall enter into force on 1 August 2018. Teaching under previous curricula will cease as of 1 September 2020. Examinations may be conducted under previous curricula until 1 September 2021. This time limit may be extended until 1 September 2022 in the case of maternity leave, leave of absence or illness.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

The Academy may grant exemptions from any rules in the curriculum that are determined solely by the Academy.

## **OTHER REGULATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

Disciplinary measures apply to all students at the Royal Danish Academy of Music, and students are therefore required to be familiar with and keep themselves informed of the rules. In addition, all students are subject to the applicable student regulations, general rules for examinations and concert regulations that describe the specific rules for study activity, study registration, examinations and concert activities at the Academy. These may be found on RDAM's intranet.