

# **Vilnius Academy of Arts**

# DESCRIPTION OF GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDIES AT THE VILNIUS ACADEMY OF ARTS

#### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Description of Additional Studies at the Vilnius Academy of Arts (hereinafter referred to as "the Description") provides the procedure for admission, organisation and performance of additional studies.
- 2. Additional studies are paid studies that include subjects of the main studies which have not been studied by those who intend to enrol in the Master's programme, although these subjects are necessary for the student to have sufficient competencies attitudes, abilities, and knowledge to be successful in the Master's studies.
- 3. This Description has been drawn up in accordance with the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania (29 June 2016, No. XII-2534) and Order No. V-1168 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 30 December 2016 on the approval of the description of the general requirements for the performance of studies.
- 4. All terms used in this Description do not contradict terms used in the Law on Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania.

## II. STUDENTS

- 5. Additional studies are organised for persons who intend to study in the Master's degree programmes of Vilnius Academy of Arts in the following cases:
- 5.1. when the person has completed college studies in the same or similar (as determined by the head of the MA study programme to which the person intends to enrol) field of study (professional Bachelor's qualification degree);
- 5.2. when the chosen field of study for the Master's degree does not coincide with the major field of study of university undergraduate studies completed by the person.

# III. STRUCTURE AND VOLUME OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

- 6. The programme of additional studies shall be structured in such a way that the person acquires the competencies and achievements necessary for studies in the relevant field of study of the Master's degree.
  - 7. The volume of additional studies shall be up to 60 credits.
- 8. An individual study plan shall be drawn up on the basis of an assessment of the competencies and achievements acquired and necessary to be acquired by the holder of a professional Bachelor's degree or a university Bachelor's degree. The individual study plan shall be drawn up for each semester by the head of the study programme in agreement with the Head of Department.

### IV. ORGANISATION OF STUDIES

9. Additional studies shall be performed prior to admission to the Master's programme.

- 10. The subjects of additional studies shall be studied and examined together with the first cycle full-time students according to the timetable established by the relevant faculty/unit, or, in individual cases, according to a separate timetable.
- 11. Additional study subjects may be studied independently, but necessarily examined in accordance with the approved programme.

#### V. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 12. A person who has completed additional studies shall be issued with an academic certificate entitling them to apply for the relevant Master's degree programme.
- 13. Additional studies shall be subject to payment. The basis for payment shall be the student's study contract, which shall be concluded for each semester of studies.
- 14. The price of additional studies shall depend on the volume of the study plan in credits. The tuition fee for additional studies shall be calculated according to the following formula:

Tuition fee =  $(price\ per\ semester\ of\ full-time\ studies/30)*\ volume\ of\ the\ study\ plan\ in\ credits\ per\ one\ semester.$ 

Explanation of the formula:

The semester price of full-time studies is the normative study price approved by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania.

30 is the standard volume of one semester of full-time studies in credits.

The number of credits of the study plan is the number of credits of the study plan drawn up by the Head of the Department.

15. Admission to the Master's studies shall be made on a competitive basis. The competition procedure shall be published in the admission rules.