

Theatre Academy of the University of the Arts Helsinki

Student Admissions 2018

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN THEATRE PEDAGOGY

Two-year programme, 120 credits

The aim of the Master's degree programme is to develop students' personal approach to art pedagogy, and to strengthen their artistic competence. In addition, the programme aims to deepen the students' conception of art and arts pedagogy as a philosophical, social, ethical and aesthetic phenomenon. A further aim is to create a dynamic relationship between being an artist and a teacher, and to enhance students' abilities to renew and develop their fields.

The programme emphasises a reflective, explorative approach to the practice of arts pedagogy. The programme also opens connections between different art forms, especially dance and theatre.

The scope of the Master's programme is 120 credits. The two-year programme should be attended on a full-time basis.

The Master's Degree Programme in Theatre Pedagogy admits students who study in either Finnish or English. If a programme admits new students to study in English, some of the teaching will be offered in English to the entire class.

Restrictions on student admission

In order to promote patient and client safety as well as the safety of minors, restrictions will apply to student admission as of the beginning of 2012 (*Act 954/2011 laki yliopistolain muuttamisesta ja Government Decree 1034/2011 yliopistoista annetun valtioneuvoston asetuksen muuttamisesta*, <https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/applying/restrictions-on-student-admission/>).

At Theatre Academy, such restrictions will pertain to the Master's Degree Programmes in Theatre Pedagogy and Dance Pedagogy as well as Separate Pedagogical Studies for Teachers. Further information below. If you think the above restrictions may impede your admission or if your prior study right has been cancelled, please contact the Theatre Academy's Admissions Services (teak.admissions@uniarts.fi or +358 400 792 020 or +358 50 349 6672).

Annual Tuition Fees

University of the Arts Helsinki (Uniarts Helsinki) will charge an annual tuition fee of 5,000 euros from non-EU and non-EEA students studying for a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a foreign language. The amount of the fee will stay the same for the duration of a particular student's studies.

In the 2018 student admissions of the Theatre Academy of Uniarts Helsinki, tuition fees will apply to applicants applying to one of our English-speaking degree programmes;

- Master's Degree Programme in Dance Pedagogy
- Master's Degree Programme in Theatre Pedagogy

The fee cannot be charged to a citizen of a Member State of the European Economic Area, or to a person who is entitled to the same treatment as EU citizens under a treaty signed by the European Union and its Member States with a third party or to a family member of the above-mentioned individuals. Nor can it be charged to a person with an EU Blue Card, a continuous or permanent residence permit or a long-term resident's EC residence permit issued to third-country nationals as referred to in the Aliens Act, or to a family member of the above-mentioned individuals.

The definition of persons regarded as family members is based on the Aliens Act.

Exemption from tuition fees

You are exempted from paying tuition fees if you have one of the following documents:

- Passport or identity card to indicate the citizenship of EU/EEA/Switzerland
- EU Blue Card in Finland
- Continuous residence permit card in Finland, Type A permit
- EU Family Member's Residence Card in Finland
- Permanent residence permit card in Finland, Type P permit
- EU residence permit for third-country citizens with long-term residence permit card in Finland (Type P-EU)

Temporary permit cards and passports must be valid at least until the start of studies.

Applicants who are liable for payment due to their nationality must use the application form in the Study info portal to notify whether there are abovementioned grounds that would apply and release the applicant from payment. The applicant in question must provide the necessary documents that prove release from liability for payment and submit them to the admissions office by the end of the deadline.

If the applicant's liability to pay the fee changes after the application deadline, the applicant must contact the admissions office immediately.

Tuition fee waivers

Uniarts Helsinki has introduced a scholarship programme for students who are liable for payment in the form of tuition fee waivers, which aims to promote student recruitment and provide financial support for students who need it. Applicants should note that the university does not offer any scholarships for living expenses.

Applicants who are liable for payment must also state on the application form if they want to apply for a scholarship from Uniarts Helsinki to cover the annual tuition fee if they get accepted. Students may apply for the scholarship using a separate form. The scholarships are granted for one academic year at a time based on the students' applications. The amount of the scholarship is 2,500 or 5,000 euros. **All new degree students who are liable for payment and have applied for the scholarship will be awarded a tuition fee waiver of at least EUR 2,500 (50%) on their first academic year.**

Students who are awarded a scholarship will be notified of the decision personally at the same time as they receive the admission results. Students who are liable for payment have the right to

apply for scholarships during the normative duration of their studies (e.g. 2 or 2.5 years in Master's programmes). Decisions regarding scholarships are made annually.

The annual tuition fee must be paid in connection with the acceptance of a study place no later than 10 July 2018 at 3 p.m. Finnish time. The application process for a residence permit can only begin after the annual tuition fee has been paid. Uniarts Helsinki recommends students to pay the annual tuition fee as soon as possible after they receive the notification of their acceptance. Students are required to pay the annual tuition fee in order to register for attendance and complete studies.

Admission Criteria

An applicant is eligible for the two-year Master's Degree Programme in Theatre Pedagogy if he or she has:

- a first-cycle university degree in theatre or another applicable field
- an applicable degree in a university of applied sciences
- a corresponding BA (Bachelor of Arts)-level foreign degree, which in the country in question confers eligibility for corresponding higher education studies

OR

- The applicant has acquired sufficient knowledge and competence based on studies, artistic activity and work experience, acknowledged by the Theatre Academy.

If the student is selected under the last-mentioned criteria (sufficient knowledge and capacity based on studies, artistic activities, and work experience, as established by the Academy), he or she must have:

- a minimum of 60 credits in higher education studies, the eligibility of which will be considered individually. These studies may include higher education studies in the applicant's own field of art, or studies that support this field of art. If these studies are not all higher education studies in the applicant's own field of art, the applicant should have strong experience in his or her artistic activity in his or her own field of art. Professional courses are not included in the 60 credits. These studies must be completed by the end of the application period. For example, it is possible to take courses at the Uniarts Helsinki Open University, which can be accredited to the student when establishing his or her eligibility;
- full-time artistic activity in an occupation in his or her field of art;
- work experience in a field of art. When applying for MA programmes in Dance or Theatre Pedagogy, work experience may also include teaching experience in the student's field of art.

The sufficiency of artistic activities and work experience will be assessed based on the applicant's application and certificates.

All students selected for the Master's Degree Programme in Theatre Pedagogy must have completed at least 60 credits of theatre studies at the university-level. If the studies are not included in a previous degree, the applicant must present proof of these studies by a separate certificate given by the university.

A decision on the applicant's eligibility will be made before sending out invitations to the entrance examination. Applicants found ineligible will be informed of that decision. Applicants found eligible will be informed of that decision via email by week 9. NB. Only those who, based on their advanced assignments, proceed to the next stage of the application process will be invited to the entrance examination.

The selection to the Master's degree programme is conditional for those applicants who have not completed a Bachelor's degree or another applicable first-cycle degree at the time of the selection process. These applicants must deliver a certificate of completed Bachelor's studies or other applicable first-cycle degree to Admissions Services by 10 July 2018 at 3:00 p.m. (Finnish time) otherwise their conditional selection will be cancelled. A conditional decision does not concern applicants who are selected based on their studies, artistic activity and work experience.

Supplementary studies to achieve the necessary level of competence may be required of a student who has been admitted to the Academy. The maximum amount of supplementary studies is 30 credits. Admitted students will be informed of any supplementary studies required of them in the letter of acceptance and the announcement of admissions results.

Language Requirements, Study Language and the Language of the Degree

The language of study and degree in the Master's Degree Programme in Theatre Pedagogy is Finnish and English.

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Student has the right to use written or spoken Swedish in teaching and study attainments, unless it is otherwise stated in the curriculum or the character of the teaching makes it impossible. However, most of the group instruction is in Finnish and/or English.

Having sufficient language skills is, in principle, a requirement in order to be eligible to apply, and it ensures that the applicant has demonstrated educability and suitability for university-level education and has the communication skills needed as a student.

In order to be admitted as a degree student at Uniarts Helsinki, applicants must have command of the language of instruction used in the programme. They must demonstrate their skills with a language certificate or prior studies.

Applicants must provide proof of sufficient language skills in principle by the end of the application period, however no later than **14 February 2018**.

If applicants wish to use prior studies as proof of their sufficient language skills but haven't yet completed the degree (e.g. applicants whose BA degree is incomplete at the time of application), they must send out a degree certificate of completed studies along with a statement about the estimated time of graduation.

Demonstrating proficiency in Finnish for programmes taught in Finnish

Applicants can demonstrate their proficiency in Finnish in the following ways:

- **A certificate proving that the applicant has obtained their general education in Finnish or Swedish** (*comprehensive school/ upper secondary school/ Matriculation Examination/ or corresponding education = a vocational upper secondary qualification of at least three years of education or corresponding prior studies, a*

further vocational qualification, a specialist vocational qualification (the vocational adult education and training act 631/1998)).

(NOTE: Applicants who have passed the Finnish Matriculation Examination in 1990 or later do not have to submit a certificate to the admissions office, because the academy will check the examination records in the applicant register.) Candidates for the Finnish matriculation examination must submit a transcript of study records or a basic education certificate to the office at the application stage.

Applicants who have been educated in Finland can demonstrate their language skills in Finnish or Swedish regardless of whether the programme that they are applying to is taught in Finnish or Swedish. If the applicant's general education has been received in a different language than the (primary) language of instruction in the target programme, the applicant's skills in the language of instruction will be tested separately in the entrance examination, e.g. in an interview.

OR

- **A certificate proving that the student has completed a university degree or a university of applied sciences degree in Finnish.**

OR

- **Certificate proving that the student has received a grade of magna cum laude or higher for Finnish as a secondary language in a Finnish Matriculation Examination** (according to Section 11 in the Government Decree on the Matriculation Examination, a candidate whose mother tongue is not Finnish, Swedish or Sami can replace the mother tongue test with the Finnish or Swedish second language test).

N.B. The test in Finnish as a secondary language is not the same thing as a test in a foreign language.

OR

- **A National Certificate of Language Proficiency in Finnish completed at intermediate level B2.** In level B2, one must achieve level 4 on at least two of the subtests, one of which must be writing.

Demonstrating proficiency in English for programmes taught in English

The following applicants do not need to submit an English language test certificate:

- **Applicants, who have obtained their general education in English or completed a university degree taught in English in an EU or EEA country, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, or New Zealand.** The official language of the degree must be mentioned on the degree certificate or its appendix, in the transcript of study records, or some other official document issued by the institution in question. *General education is to be completed in English, compulsory English courses as a part of general education completed in another language are not considered sufficient proof of language skills.*
- **Applicants who have completed a university or a university of applied sciences degree taught in Finnish, Swedish or English in Finland.** A degree completed in Finnish or Swedish must include foreign language studies in English in accordance with the decree 794/2004, which must also be stated in the degree certificate/appendix.

Uniarts Helsinki also accredits foreign language studies in English that are completed in

Finland for a university degree, even if the applicant's degree is still incomplete, as well as studies completed in some other manner, as proof of language proficiency, provided that the studies comply with the decree. In this case, the applicant must send a transcript of study records to Uniarts Helsinki along with a copy of the degree requirements of the university in question or some other document that states which language studies are required in the degree.

English language tests

The acceptable language tests and their minimum score requirements:

- **TOEFL** (IBT = Internet Based Test, PBT = Paper Based Test)
 - Total score: 92 (IBT), 580 (PBT)
- **IELTS** (Academic)
 - Overall Band Score: 6.5
- **Cambridge CAE/CPE** (CAE = Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English, CPE = Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English)
 - Grades accepted: A, B, C
- **Pearson Test of English** (Academic)
 - Total Score: 59

IELTS, TOEFL and PTE test results are valid for two years from the test date. Cambridge results are valid for an indefinite time. The results of the language test must be valid at the time the test is handed over.

Student Selections

The student selections are organised at the Theatre Academy's premises in Haapaniemenkatu 6, Helsinki.

Applicants may be eliminated after each stage and assignment of the entrance examination. Additional assignments requiring preparation may also be given during the selection process.

The individual assignments can be carried out in Finnish, Swedish or English. The group assignments take place in Finnish or in English, depending on the applicants. The written parts of the examination may be answered in Finnish, Swedish, or English.

The application period is 9 January – 24 January 2018

Phase 1 **The application form, advance assignments and appendices must be submitted by 24 January 2018 at 3:00 p.m. (Finnish time).**

A decision on the applicant's eligibility will be made on week 9. Applicants found eligible/ ineligible will be informed of that decision via e-mail. Invitations to phase 2 will be sent by e-mail during week 13 at the latest. Applicants not considered eligible based on the advance assignments will also be notified via e-mail.

Please contact the Admission Services (teak.admissions@uniarts.fi) if the Theatre Academy has not contacted you at all two weeks before phase 2.

Phase 2 27 April – 29 April 2018

Results (admissions proposal) will be published on 6 June 2018.

Applicants cannot change the entrance examination times assigned to them.

Please note that you might need a visa to enter Finland to participate in entrance examination. With certain countries, an invitation to entrance examination/admissions course alone might not entitle the applicant to a visa. Please check what the [Finnish authorities](#) require from your country in good time.

As the entrance examinations of various programmes will partly coincide, applicants must decide which entrance examination they plan to take.

On request, applicants must prove their identity at the entrance examinations.

Applicants take part in the entrance exams in their own responsibility. Theatre Academy is neither responsible for possible accidents during the examinations nor for applicants' personal belongings.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria are considered in student selections:

- Artistic competence
- Social interaction skills
- Motivation and commitment to teaching as profession
- Preparedness to work across different fields of art
- Desire to learn
- Aptitude for the field and for higher education studies

The above-mentioned areas are assessed through a teaching task, interview and artistic presentation.

Advance Assignments (to be attached to the application)

The assignments are not specified or explained further.

The advance assignment may be completed in Finnish, Swedish or English. Page size is A4, spacing 1.5, font size 12. Please do not staple application documents together.

1. Which normative ways of thinking and acting do you identify in the context of teaching art, and which ones would you like to develop and change through your own work?
Recommended length 1-2 pages.
2. Read the following articles:
- Juha Varto: [The practice, knowledge area, and discipline of arts pedagogy: A brief overview of the brief historical narrative](#) and

- Liora Bresler: [*An Interlude: Art as the great pedagogue: Vitality, engagement and dialogue*](#)

Based on what you have read, ponder the unique nature of art pedagogy and write an essay response max two pages in length.

HOW TO APPLY

1) Fill in the electronic application form during the application period 9 – 24 January 2018, at the latest by 15:00 on the 24th, on www.studyinfo.fi

Master's Degree Programme in Theatre Pedagogy can be found on the Studyinfo-system under the name of: **Master's Admission, Theatre Pedagogy, Master of Arts in Theatre and Drama (2 yr)**

Once you have filled in and submitted your application form in the Opintopolku.fi admissions system, print out a copy of the form you have submitted and attach it to your application.

2) Deliver your application to admissions services by 24 January 2018 at 15:00 at the latest

The application should contain:

- Application form
- A portrait photo (same size as passport photo, stapled to the right upper corner of the application form)
- A CV (a list of your education, work experience, and artistic experience)
- A copy of a Finnish or international first-cycle (BA) degree diploma
- A copy of Diploma Supplement (DS), if used at the international institution of higher education in question or a report on the scope of international studies in ECTS credits and their grading on a five-point scale (if a diploma supplement is unavailable)
- A copy of transcript of those studies which the applicant wishes to be considered in the application process; the transcript can be an original or a copy (e.g., a transcript of the studies leading to the completed degree)
- If necessary, copies of relevant certificates in case you seek eligibility based on *information and skills acquired based on studies, artistic activity and work experience*
- If necessary, a certificate attesting to skills in the teaching/degree language, if not possible to ascertain based on a completed university degree
- The necessary documents that prove release from liability for tuition fee payment
- Advance assignments

Applicants must not staple application documents or their appendices together or use paper clips, but simply arrange the papers in the order of the assignments.

The applicant must have the appendices translated by an authorised translator, if they are in a language other than Finnish, Swedish or English.

Applications (application forms, advance assignments, appendices) will be sent at the sender's risk. The applicants are advised to post their application forms, advance assignments and appendices in good time before the closing of the application period, as the Theatre Academy and the National Board of Education cannot accept responsibility for errors made by the postal services due to which the application form or advance assignment may only arrive after the closing of the application period. Late application forms and advance assignments cannot be processed, nor can applications submitted without the advance assignment/assignments. The Theatre Academy will not refund the application fee for applications sent with inadequate postage. Electronically (email) submitted advance assignments or appendices will not be considered.

Application documents or appendices cannot be returned to the applicant.

Due to the large number of applications, the Theatre Academy is unfortunately not able to answer specific inquiries regarding the safe arrival of applications.

Deliver your application either via mail to:

Theatre Academy

Admission Services/ Theatre Pedagogy

P.O. Box 29

FI-00097 UNIARTS

(courier address: Theatre Academy, Admission Services, Haapaniemenkatu 6, 00530 Helsinki, Finland)

OR

Deliver it to us in person to the Theatre Academy info desk:

Visiting address: Haapaniemenkatu 6, Helsinki

We receive applications Mon-Fri between 8:00-18:00, on last day of application we receive them until 15:00.

Theatre Academy's Admission Services

More information about student admissions at the Theatre Academy is available from the Admissions Services at Haapaniemenkatu 6, Helsinki, tel. +358 50 349 6672 (Mon–Fri 9 a.m. –3 p.m.), email: teak.admissions@uniarts.fi.

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