# SUPPLEMENTATION TO THE GENERAL EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS AND THE LEGAL POSITION REGULATIONS

**The Royal Conservatory of Brussels** 

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#### Supplementary Education Regulations for the Music degree course

This is a supplementation to the General Education Regulations of the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts.

There is a separate supplementation for Musical and for the Specific Academic Teacher Program/Educational Master's degree course.

#### 1. Regulations for the artistic admission test

Admission tests take place in May and in August/September. The final date for enrolment is 14 calendar days before the examination concerned. Enrolment is done online. Participation costs 30 euros. This amount must be paid in advance.

As an exception and with substantiation, a different date may be requested for the test.

Prospective students may request an opinion prior to this, preferably via a DVD or CD recording. This procedure cannot replace the actual admission test.

The live acceptance test may be replaced by video recordings because of COVID-19 measures.

Prospective students who pass the first acceptance test (May) and have not registered and paid an advance before 1 August forfeit the guarantee of a place within the programme of study. Successful prospective students for the second admission test (August/September) who have not enrolled before 25 September also forfeit this guarantee.

The degree course of the different specialisations can be found on the website (see www.kcb.be, or tp.kcb.be).

- 1.1 The **artistic admission test** for the specialisations Music Theory, Composition, Conducting and Instrumental/Vocal Studies consist of only one test:
- In which the specific competences of the major chosen are tested. This test is required for everybody.

The student may take along his/her own accompaniment (if applicable) or may, for the current repertoire, make use of accompaniment (piano, harpsichord) provided by the conservatory. The prospective students will provide the sheet music for the piano accompaniment. Prior rehearsal with the supervisor is not possible.

At the time of the test itself, the chairperson of the board will inform the prospective student as to which pieces must be played.

During this test, the language competence of students as well as their reasoning and maturity are tested, so as to realise an optimum learning path support. A student who does not reach an A2 level is not admitted. A student who does reach A2 but not B1 is assigned an individual learning path without the very demanding theoretical and linguistic subjects in order to be able to improve the language competence via the elective "Language support" course (a supplementation to Article 5 of EhB's GEdR: there is no fixed starting level for Dutch).

For the jazz specialisation, the artistic acceptance test for the Bachelor's degree consists of a theoretical and a practical test (see tp.kcb.be for more information).

The board will consist of at least:

- A chairperson: the director or the head of the programme of study or the person responsible for the department or delegate;
- The lecturer(s) of the course.

The board acts as a committee arriving at a joint decision after deliberations either in

consultation or by a vote (each member has one vote). The board will announce its decision: accepted or not accepted. The reasoning of this decision is part of the minutes, of which the prospective student may request to see the passage that relates to him/her.

The results of the artistic admission test is only valid for the academic year concerned. A person who is admitted and does not enrol must participate in the admission test again. In exceptional cases, the head of the programme of study and the learning path counsellor may derogate from this while providing reasons (for example, visa problems).

A student who interrupts his/her studies for the chosen major (even during one academic year) must pass the admission test again.

An Erasmus student who wants to enrol as a regular student after his/her visit must also pass the admission test.

The prospective student must indicate clearly on the enrolment of the artistic admission test whether he/she is opting for a: diploma contract/credit contract/examination contract.

A student admitted with a specific contract may have his/her contract type changed continuously (in accordance with GEdR Article 30). This is only possible if the student has passed the admission test connected with this type of contract for which he/she wants to enrol (see below).

There is an appeals procedure to dispute the decisions of the committee for the artistic admission test: see the General Education Regulations of EhB (GEdR Article 14 §2).

In addition to Article 12 of the EhB's GEdR, other language prospective students who have passed the artistic acceptance test and do not meet the applicable preliminary training conditions may take an aptitude test in English. Passing this test does only grant admission to enrolment in the academic Music Bachelor's degree of the Royal Conservatory of Brussels (School of Arts of EhB).

- 1.2 An **artistic acceptance test for individual theoretical subjects** is also possible for a credit contract in order to be able to follow and take the following theoretical subjects (as an elective subject within another programme of study, professional context, out of interest, etc.):
  - Encyclopaedia and Research;
  - Music History;
  - Cultural History;
  - · Philosophy;
  - Historical Music;
  - Theory of the Historical Performance Practice;
  - · Philosophy and Aesthetics of Early Music;
  - History of Jazz;
  - Artistic Research Practices;
  - Choir (subject to an orientation test and an opening);
  - GMT (General Music Training) auditory and theory 1, 2 (subject to having taken the first test: test for general musical competences);
  - GMT (General Music Training) auditory and theory 1, 2 (subject to having taken the first test: test for general musical competence);
  - Orchestra/Consort (subject to an orientation test and an opening for the specific instrument);
  - Middle Age praxis.

This test consists of a discussion with the prospective student where the board forms an idea of the reasoning, music background, maturity and knowledge in language in function of the chosen course unit. For active instrument/vocal activities (choir, orchestra, GMT), there is also a short musical orientation test.

The composition of the examining board, deliberations and results are subject to the same rules as those of the artistic admission test for the specialisations. Completing the subjects successfully yields credit certificates that could be valid for elective subjects within other programmes of study.

Under no condition may the artistic admission test for separate theoretical subjects give admission to the artistic specialisation itself.

#### 2. Flexibility

#### 2.1 Enrolment

- As a supplementation to Article 27 of the GEdR: each student must have enrolled for at least his/her major prior to the start of the academic year. Any enrolment after the start will be regarded as a late enrolment in accordance with Article 27 of the GEdR, which means that full enrolment can no longer be guaranteed. As soon as a student has enrolled for a major, the contract can be changed in accordance with Article 28 of the GEdR under specific conditions. After 31 October, any changes require written permission from the learning path counsellor.
- The multiannual courses in the conservatory demand continuity. The study may not be interrupted because, after an interruption of a year (or more), there is the very real possibility that the student no longer has the competences/skills to reach the higher level. For this reason, a specific partial pathway may be supplemented with course units from the next partial pathway.

However, a student who must still complete more than 25% of the Bachelor's degree course may only include course units of the Master's degree in his/her programme after permission by the council of the School of Arts subject to well-founded substantiation on the basis of pedagogical reasons.

- Conditions for enrolment in credit contract
  - Already before the admission test, the prospective students must indicate whether they will opt for a diploma or a credit contract. Diploma contracts are given priority.
  - The level of a prospective credit contract must be absolutely conclusive. The opinion of the lecturer who will teach the student is subordinate to the decision by the committee.
  - Enrolment in a credit contract (even for someone who passed the admission test) depends on the number of places available and there is a possibility of refusal.
  - Transferring from diploma contract to a credit contract during the academic year is only possible if the prospective student has already passed the specific artistic admission test for a credit contract.
- Enrolment under examination contract is not possible for:
  - Orchestra;
  - Choir;
  - Kinematics;
  - Instrumental accompaniment;
  - Fugue 1.

#### 2.2 Rules of 'sequentiality'

Sequentiality refers to the chronology with which courses must be completed within the flexibility framework (see the sheets related to the course unit description on www.kcb.be).

#### General:

Per course unit, enrolment for a higher level is only permitted if the lower level has been passed. On the basis of a motivated request, the institution may permit simultaneous enrolment for different levels.

#### Instrumental/Vocal Studies and Jazz:

- A student may not be years ahead in the chamber music or jazz ensemble with respect to the instrument course.
  - only enrol for chamber music/ensemble in Ba3 under the condition of at least instrument in Ba2;
  - only enrol for chamber music/ensemble in Ma2 under the condition of at least instrument in Ma1.
- Course units of the Master's degree course may already be taken if 75% of the Bachelor's degree has been completed (exceptions may be made by the council of the School of Arts subject to well-founded substantiation on the basis of pedagogical reasons). However, enrolment for a Master's thesis (part 1) in instrument or chamber music is not permitted if the courses GMT, Harmony and Music History have not been completed at a Bachelor's degree level.

To be able to enrol for course units of the Music Master's degree, the Encyclopaedia and Research course must have been passed (or been tolerated; also applies to the Jazz and Popular Music Master's degree).

To be able to enrol for the Master's thesis part II, the Artistic Research Practices course must have been passed.

#### 3. Application to enrol with the learning account committee

Article 6 of the EhB General Education Regulations describes the procedure "application to enrol with the learning account committee". The complete file (as described in Article 6 of the EhB General Education Regulations) must be submitted to the director between 20 September and 30 November (given to the management secretarial office or sent by mail). The applicant may be invited by the learning account committee for a meeting and will be informed in writing of the decision.

#### 4. General operation

#### 4.1 Welcoming period for new students

Each new student will participate in the artistic admission test and will meet with the senior lecturer and the board. After the admission test the successful students will have an interview with the responsible department representative and with the learning path counsellor. They will receive all information to determine their degree course.

#### 4.2 Chamber music education regulations

Upon enrolment, all students are referred to the chamber music guide on canvas. Each student will report in semester 1 before 15/10 and in semester 2 before 15/2 to one of the lecturers/assistants: V. Spanoghe, E. Siebens, T. Dieltjens, L. Bergé, T. Nys, E. Robberecht, I. Spinette, B. Bouckaert, S. Vanaenrode and G. Clément.

#### 4.3 Piano and harpsichord accompaniment

Sheet music will be delivered through the personal post tray (or digitally after consulting your supervisor).

- B3 M2 PG deadlines: Test 1 before 01 November and test 2 before 15 February.
- B1 B2 M1 deadlines (Note: Supervision only provided up to the Easter break): 3 weeks before a rehearsal/class concert/Master's class/assessment (for non-standard repertoire with a high complexity, the supervisor is entitled to provide a more extensive timespan).
- If a B3 or M2 student wishes to use his/her own pianist for the examination, this must be requested by 1 November at the latest for test 1 and by 15 February at the latest for test 2 from the head of the programme of study via the 'external accompaniment' document that is available from the student registration office.
- The following is not part of the supervisor's remit: Recital Concert Musicians, chamber music repertoire with a greater formation than two and recordings/auditions for non-KCB-related objectives.

#### 5. Property rights

The student will transfer all property rights to the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts that he/she is entitled to as performing artist as a result of his/her participation and/or cooperation in the performance of concerts organised by or within the framework of the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts.

The transferred property rights concern the right to reproduce the performance or have it reproduced via any audiovisual means whatsoever (including the right to execute or to hire out or loan its reproduction), the right to communicate the performance to the public by any process as well as the distribution right thereof.

The transfer of the aforementioned property rights is free of charge, applies throughout the entire world and for fifty years as from the performance. The Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts in turn has the right to transfer the property rights transferred to it, whether or not in return for payment, and/or give them in an exclusive or non-exclusive licence to third parties.

The Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts will manage the transferred property rights in accordance with professional use and will respect the inalienable moral right of the student.

#### Supplementary Examination Regulations for the Music degree course

- The examination office is located at Regentschapsstraat 30, 1000 Brussels (student registration office); tel.: 02 213 41 24; mail: examen.kcb@ehb.be
- The responsible party of the examination office is Jan Vanderwegen, <a href="mailto:jan.vanderwegen@ehb.be">jan.vanderwegen@ehb.be</a>
- The chairperson of the Examination board is Jan D'Haene, and the secretary is Jan Vanderwegen.
- The ombudsperson is Vera Van Mierlo, <u>vera.van.mierlo@ehb.be</u>

Enrolment for the **first examination session** is included in the enrolment for the academic year.

Students who want to participate in the **second examination session** must enrol online before 1 August via examen.kcb.be. When enrolling, they must indicate the course units for which they want to sit the examination in the second examination session. After the deliberations for the first session, all students are informed of the enrollment procedure via their EhB e-mail.

## <u>Article 1:</u> Examination formats, catch-up examinations, calculation and partial results

The examination formats for the different course units in the different years can be found in the sheets "description of the course unit" (in the study guide on the kcb.be website).

In derogation from the information of the ECTS course descriptions, an assessment or examination time may be organised for courses where students can join a "blended learning" path in addition to the standard examinations. However, each student has only one examination opportunity in the first examination time. Whoever participates in the extra test set up and does not pass is automatically referred to the second examination session.

Departmental supplementation to Article 12 of the General Examination Regulations regarding catch-up examinations:

- If a force majeure situation is proven with test I of instrument, this degree course can be played during test II and test II may be delayed until September.
- If a force majeure situation is proven with test I of chamber music, this degree course can be added to test II.
- For theory subjects, the student may submit a substantiated request to the head of the programme of study.
- No catch-up examinations are organised in the second session.

In accordance with Article 12 of the GER, an investigation will be carried out as to whether a catch-up examination is possible in consultation with the student and the examiner under the responsibility of the director.

For the examinations of the main instrument (Ba3 and Ma2), chamber music, the major subjects of script, conducting, composition and jazz ensemble, the board will consist of at least three members. The chairperson is the director or the head of the programme of study or the person responsible for the department or his/her representative.

The assessment for main instrument in Ba1, Ba2 and Ma1 entails a "performance time" at least twice a year, where the person responsible for the department or his/her representative is present at least once.

• In Ba3 and Ma2, the annual examination consists of two tests for the main instrument, the first test being right after the winter holiday, the second test at the end of the academic year. Participation is mandatory. Students in the shortened Bachelor's degree perform only 1 test at the end of the academic year.

For students enrolled "part-time" (for half of the credits of the main instrument):

- the examination part 1 is, in principle, at the end of the year (this may be deviated from at the student's request), thus at the second test for the full-time students (except for Jazz, where part 1 is always the same as test 1);
- part 1 of the Master's thesis does not contain a research report or an interview (except for Vocal Studies).

In Ba 3, both tests count for 50% of the final grade: the two parts are added up before the final grade is rounded off. For the Jazz specialisation, however, the first test counts for 25% and the second test for 75%.

#### **Master's thesis**

The Master's thesis script, orchestral instruments, polyphone instruments, historic instruments, voice, jazz instrument/voice and jazz/composition consist of two parts, which are quoted separately. Part 1 yields 12 credits and consists of the first examination. Part 2 yields 18 credits and consists of the second examination plus the research report and the interview. The research report and the interview count for a third of the grade of part 2.

Exception: the Master's thesis script consists of two equal parts of 15 credits. Part 1 entails the Fugue I examination (home test school fugue). Part 2 entails the Fugue II examination (lodge test of a free fugue) plus the research report and the interview.

The canvas intranet has a manual for the Master's thesis with all modalities per specialisation.

The deadlines for submitting the research report are announced on canvas (intranet music – Master's thesis).

Whoever does not pass part 1 of the Master's thesis may not participate in part 2 in the same academic year. Since part 1 and part 2 together make up one single course unit, the results achieved for part 1 will not be transferred to a next academic year if the student does not pass part 2.

- An interim examination board may deliberate after the first semester so that final year or SLO students who need to complete only a part of the degree course may graduate at that time.
- Students doing the shortened Instrument/Vocal Studies and Jazz Bachelor's degree course may only participate in the second public examination of third Bachelor's degree with a 30-minute degree course for their instrument (except for Vocal Studies, where the degree course must be at least 20 minutes). For Jazz, this test is not open to the public.

#### **Article 2: half-yearly examinations**

Participation in half-yearly examinations is mandatory. Half-yearly examinations are included in the sheets "description of the course unit".

The study activities in the conservatory are not suspended during examinations.

#### **Article 3:** Tolerance rules

As a supplementation to the EhB's General Examination Regulations, a fail is never tolerated for any course unit of 12 credits or more (main subject) and, in addition, for a number of courses with less than 12 credits (see the sheets "description course unit").

Course units that span several years and with regard to which the content continuous can only be tolerated for the final level.

#### Article 4: Recognition and calculation of a degree of distinction

Degrees of distinction (cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude) are only awarded in the years in which a diploma is achieved (Ba3 and Ma2). The percentage

is calculated based on the results of the final study degree course (60 credits) of the standard learning path. With a flexible learning path, it is therefore possible for certain course units to be included for the degree of distinction even though they do not belong to the specific study course of the student in that academic year (and vice versa).

#### **Article 5:** Publicising results

Students are informed as to the exact credits of midterm examinations, interim examinations and half-yearly examinations. Codes are not used.

All notifications of results prior to the graduation ceremony are always conditional.

#### **Article 6:** Right of inspection

Each student may inspect his/her written examinations and improvements thereof up to one week after the closing of the examination session. The student must make an appointment with the relevant lecturer.

Upon request, each student may receive a copy of an extract of the official report of the examination board that applies only to the student concerned at the latest until 4 days after receiving the examination results. He/she must approach the responsible department representative, the secretary or the ombudsperson.

#### **Article 7:** board operation

Examining boards act as a committee. Each examining board member will examine and mark individually and provide his/her marks to the chairperson after the examination and before any deliberations take place. After deliberations on the average, the results will be determined by committee decision. The board members may not provide information to students about the deliberations under any conditions.

#### **Article 8:** No second examination session possible

Many course units do not have a second examination opportunity: see the sheets "description of the course unit" in the study guide (on the kcb.be website) or canvas.

#### Article 9: Submitting examination degree course for instrument/voice major

At least 14 calendar days before an instrument/voice major examination, the student must submit his/her degree course electronically on http://examen.kcb.be.

Students who submit their degree course late cannot be included in the examination schedule.

The student is responsible for this degree course fulfilling the requirements for his/her academic year. The examination degree courses are on <a href="https://www.kcb.be">www.kcb.be</a>.

It is not permitted to present the same work for the instrument and chamber music course in the same year, or in the same course for different academic years. This means that a work already programmed for a performance in Ba1, Ba2 or Ma1 (continuous assessment, see Article 1) cannot be played again for the examination in Ba3 or Ma2. For a repeat year of a course, the same works may be performed wholly or in part.

It is not permitted to present the same work for the Instrument course and the Concert Musician course in the same year.

#### **Article 10:** Examinations for chamber music course

This article applies to the chamber music course in the specialisation of orchestral instruments, piano, harp, guitar and voice and summarises the most important elements of the chamber music guide (see intranet on canvas).

- Participation in both sessions are mandatory for all. Substantiated exceptions may
  be requested from the head of the programme of study. With positive advice, the
  entire annual degree course can be moved to the end of the year or a delayed
  examination opportunity can be attained in September. Students from the
  shortened Bachelor's degree are free to choose to participate in both sessions or
  only the session in semester 2.
- Registration of examination degree courses and group composition is done via kamermuziek.kcb.be. This tool provides the student with a continuous view of

registered degree courses, duration, number of externals, start and end dates for registration of examination times, etc. If an examination time is not registered for on time, participation in that examination is not permitted. Only groups regarding which the programme has been approved by their responsible lecturer, may register for the examination.

- Assessment of a student for one or more works may also be done during concerts.
   This may be proposed by a lecturer or after a motivated application by a student.
   Explicit permission is needed from the head of the programme of study.
- No lecturers, assistants or supervisors of the RCB may give a reply to the examinations unless given explicit permission by the responsible department representative.

The examination board will receive at least 1 sheet music on the day of the examination or a digital version of all works requested. The board will receive 2 copies of pieces written after 1950.

#### **Article 11:** Accompaniment

The student is personally responsible for the accompaniment receiving all sheet music of examination works before 1 November (test I) and before 15 February (test II) for the current academic year. If these deadlines are not kept, the student may no longer request accompaniment.

#### **Article 12:** Attendance

The student is responsible for being present at the examination on time. The standard is set to be present 1 hour before the start of the scheduled examination time (except at the starting time) in order to compensate for gaps in the examination protocol. The student must also take into account that a delay may occur in the examination protocol and, if necessary, must be available beyond the scheduled time.

#### **Article 13:** Examinations in the lodge

With examinations in the lodge (Music Theory), the possession of a mobile phone or computer is prohibited and these devices must be given to the supervisor of the examination before the start of the examination. Workbooks, notes, realisations, guides, etc., in connection with harmony/counterpoint/fugue are not permitted. Non-compliance with this article will be regarded as cheating and automatically becomes subjected to an examination disciplinary committee.

#### **Article 14:** Recording

The Master tests are recorded by the conservatory and the sound carrier will be archived.

One's own electronic recording equipment is permitted at public examinations for instrument/voice or chamber music. However, this may not affect the course of the examination in any way whatsoever.

Sound recordings at non-public examinations are prohibited.

#### **Article 15:** Copyrights

At all public examinations the students must conform to the laws and obligations with respect to copyright and publication rights.

#### **Article 16:** Erasmus exchange

The Master's thesis of Master's degree 2 must always be done in your own institution and will only be included in an exchange programme with the explicit permission of the head of the programme of study. If permitted, all units of the major examinations will take place at one's own institution.

For incoming Erasmus students that include in their study course a major that
is a part of the Bachelor's or Master's degree thesis – regardless of whether
they are coming to study at the KCB for a semester or a full academic year -,
will be given an adjusted assessment by the lecturer. They do not need to take

- part of the regular examination session for the major with a board of examiners. They will, after all, attain their diploma at the home institution.
- Outgoing B3 Erasmus students can expand the exchange programme with a second semester with the express permission from the head of the programme of study.

#### **Article 17:** Master's thesis

The Master's thesis includes the final examination of the major as established for the different specialisations (see "manual for Master's thesis" on canvas).

In addition, there is a short oral test (approximately 15 minutes per student), following the Ma2 final examination that is related to the entire degree course played. For this test, the student will have a written preparation (no minimum volume is established, see manual). This preparation will be submitted to the student registration office at the latest 2 weeks prior to the examination, in an electronic version and in paper version in accordance with the direction in the manual. When examinations (such as piano, violin, etc.) take place over several days, the date of the first examination day applies for all parties.

The oral test will take place after the public examination (behind closed doors) because the past interpretation may then be involved. The test must fit in with the concert degree course closely enough so that both form one whole. The oral test will determine whether the student has done research at a sufficiently deep level to benefit his/her artistic performance. The student may use notes at the examination (open book). For the marking, the board will base itself on the oral test and on the preparatory documents.

Asking the "research question" is essential, which research takes places before the performance.

There is no second examination opportunity for a Master's thesis, which means that a second opportunity for the oral test is not possible.

## The board will draw up a report about the Master's thesis for which the following questions will serve as a guideline:

- 1. The degree course and its performance rest on thorough and methodical artistic research. The sources used must be of a satisfactory level, sufficiently broad and contain recent information (international as well).
- 2. The student may reflect on and communicate about his/her artistic starting principles, choices and objectives. Research, artistic performance and interview are coherent, forming a comprehensive whole.
- 3. Profession-specific competences per specialisation:
  - Instrument: podium presence, technical control, artistic expression, knowledge of style and instrument-specific competences (for example, knowledge of type of voice in Voice).
  - Music Theory: technical mastery and insight, knowledge of style, originality, artistic expression and awareness of quality.
  - Composition: technical mastery, own language, originality, knowledge of style and artistic expression.
  - Conducting: technical mastery, knowledge of style, artistic expression, knowledge of sheet music, contact with orchestra.
  - Jazz: podium presence, technical mastery, artistic expression, knowledge of style, group integration, quality and originality in improvisation.

#### Article 18: Study progress provisions - refusal to enrol.

In addition to Article 38 of the General Examination Regulations, a new student to the Music programme of study who has passed less than 25% of the included credits after the first enrolment year, may be refused when enrolling again.

#### Supplementary Legal Position Regulations for the Music degree course

Information about the ombudsperson and his/her contact details will be notified upon commencement of the academic year via the intranet.

The ombudsperson Vera Van Mierlo can be reached via vera.van.mierlo@ehb.be.

Explanation with Article 25 §4 of EhB Legal Position Regulations

- Participation in the course units of orchestra, choir, consort of instruments and jazz ensemble that are included in the student's study course is always mandatory. If the student does not participate, he/she will not pass the course unit concerned. The examination board will assess the absence. With absence due to proven force majeure, a different study course may be imposed by the head of the programme of study.
- For an instrument major, participation in both presentations in the framework of continuous assessment is mandatory. With absence due to proven force majeure, the presentation must be done on another date.
- With other course units with continuous assessment, a minimum attendance of 75% in relation to the course units is required to make an assessment by the lecturer possible unless explicit written and prior agreement is given by the lecturer. The modalities are included in the ECTS course description (can be consulted via canvas).

#### Supplementary Education Regulations for the Musical degree course

#### 1. Regulations for artistic admission test

Admission tests take place in April/May and in September. In the first period, the tests are spread over 2 days with one week in between.

Day 1: Dance and Voice

Day 2: Voice and Drama

In September, the 2<sup>nd</sup> period, all units are sat in one day due to the lower number of candidates.

This format may be deviated from due to possible coronavirus measures and video recordings will be submitted for the dance and voice units. An initial selection will be made based on this.

The dates are on the website or can be achieved at the student registration office.

The final date for enrolment for the first period is at the latest one week before the first examination day in May, for the second period, at the latest one week before the first examination day in September. As an exception and with substantiation, a different date may be requested for the test. Enrolling for the admission test is done online.

Prospective students may request an opinion prior to this and can take a non-binding singing test during the open house. This procedure may not replace the actual admission test.

<u>Artistic admission test for the Musical degree course</u> See information at <u>www.kcb.be</u>.

The board will consist of at least:

- the chairperson: the director or head of the programme of study or their representative;
- the lecturer(s) of the courses Voice, Play and Dance;
- at least one external expert.

The board acts as a committee arriving at a joint decision after deliberations in consultation and in consensus. The board will announce its decision: accepted or not accepted and possibly will also determine to which pathway the prospective student is accepted. The reasoning of this decision is part of the minutes, of which the prospective student may request to see the passage that relates to him/her.

The results of the artistic admission test is only valid for the academic year concerned. A person who is admitted and does not enrol must participate in the admission test again.

A student who interrupts his/her study for a period of more than one academic year must pass the admission test again.

An Erasmus student who wants to enrol as a regular student after his/her visit must also pass the admission test.

The prospective student must indicate clearly on the enrolment form of the artistic admission test whether he/she is opting for a:

- diploma contract;
- credit contract.

Students admitted for a specific contract may change his/her contract type up to and

including 31 October or in the period described in Article 48 §5 of the General Education Regulations. This is only possible if the student has passed the admission test connected with this type of contract for which he/she wants to enrol (see below).

There is an appeals procedure to dispute the decisions of the committee for the artistic admission test: see the General Education Regulations of EHB (GEdR Article 24).

The acceptance test to be accepted for the Master's degree course will be sat before the transfer programme starts.

Candidates will be asked to write a personal file (must be submitted by 31 August at the latest) and to defend it during an intake interview that continues during the  $2^{nd}$  week of September.

#### 2. Flexibility

#### **Enrolment**

The multiannual courses in the conservatory demand continuity. The study may not be interrupted because, after an interruption of a year (or more), there is the very real possibility that the student no longer has the competences/skills to reach the higher level.

Conditions for enrolment under a credit contract

- Already before the admission test, the prospective students must indicate whether they will opt for a diploma or a credit contract. Diploma contracts are given priority.
- The level of a prospective credit contract must be absolutely conclusive. The opinion of the lecturer is subordinate to the decision by the committee.
- Enrolment in a credit contract (even for someone who passed the admission test) depends on the number of places available and there is a possibility of refusal.
- Transferring from diploma contract to a credit contract during the academic year is only possible if the prospective student has already passed the specific artistic admission test for a credit contract.

Enrolment under an examination contract is not possible for the Musical course units.

For prospective students who show more than average talent or virtuosity in a specific field, by admission under deviant admission requirements, the age limit may be deviated from.

**Rules of 'sequentiality':** the chronology with which courses must be completed within the flexibility framework (see the sheets regarding the description of the course unit).

#### <u>General</u>

Per course unit, enrolment for a higher level is only permitted if the lower level has been passed.

The Musical programme of study has separate regulations: the entire programme of study is based on group work. All courses are related to one another and to the projects. For this reason, it is absolutely necessary that each student belongs to a clear-cut group and that the study activities of that group be geared to one another. Students who want to follow courses with another group (a different year, in the old terminology) will immediately encounter conflict with the overfull timetable.

Sequentiality of the course units in Musical:

- Whoever enrols for Project & Production at a certain level must also follow the surrounding courses that relate to that project. This involves the courses Dance, Voice, Close Harmony, Diction and Phonetics, Musical Aesthetics, an elective and competence extras.

#### 3. Application to enrol with the learning account committee

Article 6 of EhB's General Education Regulations describes the procedure "application to enrol with the learning account committee". The complete file must be submitted to the director between 20 September and 30 November (given to the management secretarial office or sent by mail). The applicant may be invited by the learning account committee for a meeting and will be informed in writing of the decision.

#### 4. General operation

Welcoming period for new students:

Each prospective student will participate in the artistic admission test and will meet with the lecturers and board members. After the acceptance test, the successful students will have an interview with the head of the programme of study. They will receive all information about their degree course.

#### 5. Property rights

The student will transfer all property rights to the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts that he/she is entitled to as performing artist as a result of his/her participation and/or cooperation in the performance of concerts organised by or within the framework of the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts.

The transferred property rights concern the right to reproduce the performance or have it reproduced via any audiovisual means whatsoever (including the right to execute or to hire out or loan its reproduction), the right to communicate the performance to the public by any process as well as the distribution right thereof.

The transfer of the aforementioned property rights is free of charge, applies throughout the entire world and for fifty years as from the performance. The Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts in turn has the right to transfer the property rights transferred to it, whether or not in return for payment, and/or give them in an exclusive or non-exclusive licence to third parties.

The Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts will manage the transferred property rights in accordance with professional use and will respect the inalienable moral right of the student.

#### Supplementary Examination Regulations for the Musical degree course

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The chairperson of the examination board is Jan D'Haene, the secretary is Jan Vanderwegen.

Enrolment for the first examination session is included in the enrolment for the academic year.

Students who want to participate in the second examination session must enrol before 1 August, in person with the secretary or by e-mail/letter. When enrolling, they must indicate the course units for which they want to sit the examination in the second examination session.

#### Article 1: Examination formats, calculation and partial results

For the different course units in the different years both continuous assessments and examinations are set up: see the sheets "description of the course unit" on <a href="http://www.erasmushogeschool.be/ECTSinfo">http://www.erasmushogeschool.be/ECTSinfo</a>.

For the examinations of Musical Project & Production, the board will consist of at least three members.

#### **Article 2: Tolerance rules**

A fail is never tolerated for any course unit of 12 credits or more (main subject) and, in addition, for a number of courses with less than 12 credits (see the sheets "description of the course unit").

Each grade lower than 8 out of 20 is not tolerable.

The tolerance rule is applied in accordance with the "all or nothing" principle: if the sum of all failures weighed exceeds the tolerance value, no failure at all is tolerated.

The tolerance rule applies to both examination sessions.

In exceptional cases, the application of the tolerance rule in its entirety may be deviated from subject to detailed justification.

#### Article 3: Recognition and calculation of a degree of distinction

Degrees of distinction (cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude) are only awarded in the diploma year. The percentage is calculated based on the results of 60 credits:

- 41 credits of the fourth learning path year;
- plus 16 credits for Project & Production 3;
- plus 3 credits for Competence Extras 3.

#### **Article 4:** Publicising results

Students are informed as to the exact score of midterm examinations and interim examinations. Letter codes are not used for any course.

The student is not informed of the final results of a course unit before the graduation ceremony with the exception of the final grade of the musical production.

#### **Article 5:** Right of inspection

Each student may inspect his/her written examinations and improvements thereof up to four weeks after the closing of the examination session (not including the holiday

periods), at the examination office in the presence of the examination secretary or his/her representative.

Upon request, each student may receive a copy of an extract of the official report of the examination board that applies only to the student concerned at the latest until 4 days after receiving the examination results. He/she will address the head of the programme of study, the secretary or the ombudsperson.

For the appeals procedures with respect to material errors (GER Article 45), examination decisions (GER Article 46), and examination disciplinary decision (GER Article 24): see General Examination Regulations of the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts Brussels.

#### **Article 6:** Board of examination operation

Examining boards act as a committee. Each board member will examine and mark individually and provide his/her marks to the secretary after the examination. After deliberations on the average, the results will be determined by committee decision. The board members may not provide information to students about the deliberations under any conditions.

#### **Article 7:** No second examination session possible

There is no second examination opportunity for Project & Production: see the sheets "description of the course unit" at <a href="http://www.erasmushogeschool.be/ECTSinfo">http://www.erasmushogeschool.be/ECTSinfo</a>

#### **Article 8: Attendance**

The student is responsible for being present at the examination on time. The standard is set to be present 1 hour before the start of the scheduled examination time in order to compensate for gaps in the examination protocol. The student must also take into account that a delay may occur in the examination protocol and, if necessary, must be available beyond the scheduled time.

#### **Article 9: Copyrights**

At all public examinations the students must conform to the laws and obligations with respect to copyright and publication rights.

#### **Article 10:** Erasmus exchange

The final examination of the main subject in the final year (Project & Production) must always take place at the institution of the student (i.e. before a board composed of members of the Education Staff of the Conservatory). The results that students acquire in an Erasmus exchange serve only as an indication here.

#### Article 11

An internship organised by the programme of study in collaboration with a professional partner, with a public performance as a final phase, will be assessed as a part-time examination and included in the final assessment Production.

With the assessment, the artistic team of the partner will fill an advisory function. A board composed of lecturers of the programme of study, at least 1 from Voice, 1 from Drama, 1 from Dance, will award the points.

During the entire period, the students must follow the regulations of the receiving institution.

#### Supplementary Legal Position Regulations for the Musical degree course

Information about the ombudsperson and his/her contact details will be notified upon commencement of the academic year via the intranet.

Explanation of Article 25 §4 of the General Legal Position Regulations:

• Participation in all rehearsals and services of the "Project & Production" course unit that is included in the student's study course is always mandatory. If the student does not participate, he/she will not pass the course unit concerned. The examination board will assess the absence.

## Supplementary Education Regulations: Shortened Educational Bachelor of Musical and Educational Master in Music and Performing Arts

#### §1 Admission requirements:

- for the Shortened Educational Bachelor of Musical
  - Bachelor's Diploma in Musical;
  - Minimum required starting level in Dutch language skills: B2;
  - Every student who wants to enrol in the shortened educational Bachelor of Musical must take an intake test via the website of <u>Vlhora</u>. The test is NOT an acceptance test; everyone may begin the degree course regardless of the results of the test. The student must be able to submit proof of participation during enrolment.
  - A student who achieved his/her Musical Bachelor's degree diploma at a different institution and not the EhB, must sit a required (non-binding) orientation test in solfège at the beginning of the academic year. If the student does not pass, we recommend including the solfège basic subject (Musical programme of study) in a credit contract.
- For the Educational Master in Music
  - Master's Diploma in Music;
  - o If the student has not yet achieved a Master's diploma and wants to follow the shortened educational Master's, he/she must at the same time enrol for a Master's degree course in Music. (The teacher's diploma can only be awarded if the student has achieved the Master's diploma in Music and has been declared to have passed the educational Master's degree. Both conditions may be fulfilled in the same examination time.);
  - Language requirements: a student who at the time of enrolment has an educational Master's from a Master's in another language will be admitted to the programme of study if he/she meets the language requirements: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) language level B2 "vantage". As proof suffices:
    - that the student has successfully completed at least one academic year in Dutch secondary education; or who has been declared as having passed with a total course load of at least 60 credits in Dutch higher education;
    - a B2 or NT2 level 5 certificate from a university language centre;
    - A certificate from the Interuniversity Dutch Language Test for Non-Native Speakers (Interuniversitaire Taaltest Nederlands voor Anderstaligen, ITNA);
    - A <u>Certificate of Dutch as Foreign Language (Nederlands als Vreemde Taal, CNaVT)</u> "Profile Higher Educational Language Skills" or "Educational Starting-Level Qualification";
    - A successful State examination in NT2 degree course 2 (the Netherlands);
    - A certificate from the Adult Education Centre NT2 "Vantage" (levels 3.1 and 3.2).
- For the Educational Master in Drama
  - o Master's Diploma in Drama;
  - o If the student has not yet achieved a Master's diploma and wants to follow the shortened educational Master's degree, he/she must at the same time enrol for a Master's degree course in Drama. (The teacher's diploma can only be awarded if the student has achieved the Master's diploma in Drama and has been declared to have passed the educational Master's degree. Both conditions may be fulfilled in the same examination time.);
  - Language requirements: a student who at the time of enrolment has an educational Master's from a Master's in another language will be admitted to the programme of study if he/she meets the language

requirements: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) language level B2 – "vantage". As proof suffices:

- That the student has successfully completed at least one academic year in Dutch secondary education; or who has been declared as having passed with a total course load of at least 60 credits in Dutch higher education;
- A B2 or NT2 level 5 certificate from a university language centre;
- A <u>certificate from the Interuniversity Dutch Language Test for Non-Native Speakers</u> (Interuniversitaire Taaltest Nederlands voor Anderstaligen, ITNA);
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- A certificate from the Adult Education Centre NT2 "Vantage" (levels 3.1 and 3.2).
- §2 Regulations and guidelines with respect to an internship and Master's thesis (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: EdR Art. 1): the students can find the manuals for the internships and the Master's thesis on the online learning platform. Specific agreements are explained in these manuals with respect to organisation, procedures, output, assessment criteria and deadlines. These documents are binding. The student is expected to have read and understood them.
- §3 Code of conduct activities with external partners (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: EdR Art. 61-62): the code of conduct with regard to course units organised in cooperation with external partners is outlined in the manuals for the course units.

The conduct enforcement committee may – in special cases and on objective grounds – terminate the internship, the project, the Master's thesis or another practice-focused course unit prematurely if the student has demonstrated by his/her conduct that he/she is unsuitable as an artist-teacher. In such a case, the conduct enforcement committee must give detailed justification for the decision. This student has no right to a second examination opportunity unless the imposed binding requirement is fulfilled.

## Supplementary Examination Regulations: shortened Educational Bachelor of Musical and Educational Master in Music and Performing Arts

## $\S 4$ Examination office (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: ERArt.3):

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Enrolment for the **first examination session** is included in the enrolment for the academic year.

Students who want to participate in the **second examination session** must enrol online before 1 August via IBamaflex. When enrolling, they must indicate the course units for which they want to sit the examination in the second examination session. After the deliberations for the first session, all students are informed of the enrolment procedure via their EhB e-mail.

- §5 **Sequentiality** (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: ER-Art. 2): the educational Bachelor's and Master's degrees are sequential. The student may only start specific course units if he/she has already passed or been tolerated for another course unit (credit certificate) or is following the course unit simultaneously. The ECTS course descriptions indicate the sequentiality of the course units.
- §6 **Internship supervision**: during the internship, the students are supervised by school or subject mentors at the internship locations. These mentors draw up assessment reports with which the internship supervisor of the educational Bachelor's/Master's must take into account with the assessment. The final grade is determined by the internal board on the basis of established assessment criteria (which the student is given in the manual) where the recommendations of the external subject mentors are taken into consideration.
- §7 Assessment of internship and Master's thesis (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: ER-Art. 17): All conditions pertaining to the internship and the Master's thesis, including the deadline, are included in the internship manual and Master's thesis guidelines and are publicised at the start of the academic year (guidelines for the 2nd examination session must be publicised together with the examination schedule for the 2nd examination session).

Students who do not submit their internship file or Master's thesis during the first examination time must inform their supervisor of this at the latest on the day of the examination session. Please refer to the regulations in the corresponding manuals. Students must submit their Master's thesis digitally on the CANVAS online learning platform.

The student must redo the work either completely or in part if the student does not pass the Master's thesis. The supervisor must provide him/her with specific guidelines during the feedback.

§8 Additional regulations with regard to referencing and plagiarism (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: ER-Art. 19): For correct referencing in reports, assignments, projects, the Master's thesis or written tasks, the guidelines regarding referencing and plagiarism apply. These guidelines are distributed via the relevant manuals. Proven cases of plagiarism will be treated as breaches and can lead to a disciplinary ruling by the board of examiners as described in Article 20

of the General Examination Regulations of the Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts leading to a grade of 0/20 for the respective course unit.

## §9 Non-tolerated course units (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: ER-Art. 29)

Throughout the programme of study certain shortfalls in credits may be waived on the basis of the tolerance rule. The course units and combinations in course units for which a shortfall in credits can never be tolerated are specified in the ECTS course description. The minimum grade for tolerance is 8/20; the tolerance rule is in force for both the first and the second examination sessions.

## $\S10$ Public access to examination and feedback sessions regarding examination results (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: ERArt. 40-41)

The degree course advocates a pedagogic approach based on transparency of test and examination results coupled with feedback. Receiving feedback immediately is essential in a learning process and offers the student the possibility of honing knowledge, skills, attitudes and study method. Together with the lecturer concerned, the student may view his/her copy; for this, he/she must make an appointment with the lecturer concerned within seven calendar days and may request the presence of the ombudsperson if desired.

After deliberation, the results are made known on iBamaflex. After the announcement of examination results, the student may view his/her examinations and ask for feedback. This applies to all examination sessions.

## Supplementary Legal Position Regulations: shortened Educational Bachelor of Musical and Educational Master in Music and Performing Arts

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### $\S11$ Code of conduct (as a supplementation to the General Regulations: LP-Art. 25.4)

- Mandatory study activities: Participation in every educational activity that is continuously assessed during the lesson is mandatory. An overview of the manner and the time of assessment is given in the ECTS course descriptions.
- Consequences of absence during an examination/test:
  - The student proves absence due to force majeure; only then may the following steps be taken:
    - The student must submit an application to be able to take an exam/test or to undergo the continuous assessment during the current examination session.
    - In consultation with the examiner, under the responsibility of the chairperson of the examination board, the practical feasibility of taking the examination/test or undergoing the continuous assessment is worked out.
    - When permitted to make up the examination/test or the continuous assessment, the student is informed of the new regulation. If moved, it is not always possible to guarantee the same assessment format.
    - One catch-up day is given per examination opportunity. This will be one day in June (EP1) and one day in September (EP2). Not attending a catch-up examination cannot result in an additional catch-up moment.
- Consequences of absence during study activities continuously assessed during the lesson:
  - o If the examination (module) is based on a single assessment: absence code as examination result for the complete course unit.
  - If the (modular) examination comes about via several assessments:
    - And there was no participation in any assessment at all: an absence code as examination results for the entire course unit;
    - And there was participation in at least one assessment: the part to which the assessment relates is marked with an absence code.

The student who arrives too late or not at all at an assessment may be refused by the examiner. Students who are too late may not participate in the assessment if other students have already left the room. This will be indicated on the report with an absence code. If a student who is too late may nevertheless participate in the assessment, this does not entitle him/her to an extension of the duration of the assessment.

An examination not taken in combination with unlawful absence means that the student is automatically referred to the following examination session.