

Department	Painting
Study programme	Bachelor
Course year	4th year
Semester	AUTUMN
Study year	2024/2025

MANDATORY	Mandatory courses
FREE CHOICE	Free choice courses*
ELECTIVE	Elective courses can be chosen only after required programme of department courses is approved by the department

DEPARTMENT COURSES

CODE	COURSE TITLE	ECTS
MākZ7683	Drawing	3
MākZ7682	Painting	4.5
MākZ7684	Composition I	3
MākZ7680	Composition II	4.5
MākZ7389	Contextual Composition	3
MākZ7679	Art Media and Techniques	3
MākZ1677	Anatomy	2
MākZ5125	Creative Methods in Art Pedagogy	3
MākZ6D23	Contemporary Art and Underground Culture Scene in the Eastern Europe under and after Communism	3

*As theoretical lectures are delivered to the students of the Art Academy of Latvia in Latvian, some theoretical subjects in English are offered separately to the visiting students.

ELECTIVE COURSES

The list of courses will be published during the first week of semester start!

Online registration for elective courses is open during the first two weeks of semester start. Each course is for limited number of students. To start the course at least 5 students must be registered for it. If less than 5 students are registered, course won't be available.

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COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LECTURER
Drawing	Nude figure. Large-format (min. 120x80 cm) primed canvas or paper. Soft materials (coal, sanguine, sepia, etc.). Figure from different angles. Dimensional, tonal or line drawings.	Kristaps Zariņš
Painting	The aim of the course is to develop painting skills at the next level of complexity by painting a nude figure from nature, as well as staying on top of the world's current trends in painting. The assignment focuses on the study of the relationship between the figure and space, emphasizing the emotionality of the positioning of the figure in space.	To be confirmed
Composition I	Students are encouraged to solve creative tasks in painting given by the lecturer using the skills acquired in the course "Painting", as well as to express themselves in other media. The course focuses on generating ideas, highlighting the individual artistic interests of each student, and the direction of their creative processes. In the framework of the course, students will examine current processes in contemporary painting.	To be confirmed
Composition II	Within the framework of the course, students are allowed to study this subject under their chosen Painting department's teaching staff member. Since all the lecturers in the department are also practicing artists, students have the chance to choose a professor whose artistic interests overlap with their creative interests. Throughout the course, students are encouraged to solve creative tasks in painting given by the lecturer, as well as to express themselves in other media. The course focuses on generating ideas, highlighting the individual artistic interests of each student, and the direction of their creative processes. It consists of work on the tasks set by the lecturer and individual workshop visits, which incorporate a critical evaluation of the student's creative work.	Student chooses the teacher himself
Contextual Composition	The course programme consists of modules or short masterclasses (a few days long). Each month the student is offered 2-3 masterclass options, of which one must be selected. Each semester, different guest lecturers from Latvia and abroad are invited to the masterclasses to offer students a short lecture or workshop module. They can be art theorists and practitioners, as well as representatives of other humanities — philosophers, musicians, dancers, movement therapy specialists, literary students, etc.	Author's collective
Art Media and Techniques	Within the framework of this subject, students may choose to study one technique taught in any of the AAL's sub-fields — analog photography, sculpting, graphic art etc. If students choose	Author's collective

	<p>this course, they must fill out a questionnaire sent by the methodologist of the Painting department at the beginning of the semester, stating which technique in which sub-field they want to study.</p>	
<p>Contemporary Art and Underground Culture Scene in the Eastern Europe under and after Communism</p>	<p>The course is dedicated to understanding of some important special features of art and culture of the region where Latvia (and the LAA students) belongs to – Eastern Europe. History and interpretation of the culture of the region during Soviet rule is yet to be written but it is important for the aspiring artists, designers, curators and art critics who live and work here understand its speciality and uniqueness in Europe. The course starts from the wide historical and cultural introduction to the subject and then continues with a discussion of on several important cases of contemporary art and underground cultural scene in USSR (Russia, Latvia), Czechoslovakia and Poland. In the middle of the course there will be another wide introduction – this time to the post-Soviet period. Second part of the course will be dedicated to the changes which happened in contemporary art and underground culture of the region after 1991.</p>	<p>Kirils Kobrins</p>
<p>Anatomy</p>	<p>Digitalized and interactive anatomy for art and design students to improve their drawing, painting, and sketching skills in anatomy. Based on Anatomy Next – anatomy learning tools for students and teachers. Anatomy Next is a very successful, world-known educational technology start-up to help students learn anatomy faster and more efficiently.</p>	<p>Uldis Zariņš</p>
<p>Creative Methods in Art Pedagogy</p>	<p>The course prepares students for planning and conducting art-based visual arts classes for school age children. Such an experience can be useful in teaching for both - formal and non-formal education. Graduates will gain theoretical knowledge and practical experience in transforming an idea based on creative practice (art or design) into a teaching practice.</p>	<p>Ilze Vītola</p>