



System of Qualifications at the Royal Institute of Art

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1. Introduction

The government decides which degrees may be issued at universities and colleges. Provisions on degrees can be found in the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:100) (HF), Chapter 6, and its Appendix 2). A student who qualifies for the requirements for the degree must, upon request, receive a diploma from the university (HF, Chapter 6, Section 9).

The Royal Institute of Art has the right degree-awarding powers in the main field Fine Arts.

2. Degrees awarded at the Royal Institute of Art

At the undergraduate level, a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts art is issued and at the advanced level a Master's degree in Fine Arts.

Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Degree title and translation for a qualification in the fine, applied and performing arts on the bachelor's level at the Royal Institute of Art are:

Konstnärlig kandidatexamen (Degree of Bachelor in Fine Arts) - 180 credits

For a Degree of Bachelor in Fine Arts, completed courses at the undergraduate level in the main field fine arts comprising 180 credits with successive specialised study in the main field (at the Royal Institute of Art – fine arts) of at least 90 credits are required, including a degree project of at least 15 credits for an education started before 1 July 2019, and at least 110 credits including a degree project of at least 15 credits for an education started after 1 July 2019.

Degree of Master in Fine Arts

Degree title and translation for a qualification in the fine, applied and performing arts on the master level at the Royal Institute of Arts are:

Konstnärlig masterexamen i fri konst (Degree of Master in Fine Arts) - 120 hp

For a Degree of Master in Fine Arts, completed courses at advanced level in the main field of fine arts comprising 120 credits with successive specialised study in the main field (at the Royal Institute of Art – fine arts) of at least 60 credits including a degree project of at least 30 credits, or two degree projects of at least 15 credits each. All completed courses in the main field, including the degree project, must be at advanced level.



3. Issuance of diplomas and Diploma Supplement

The student is responsible for applying for a diploma. Diplomas are issued according to fulfilled course requirements. The diploma is an original document that is issued once. The date on which the degree is issued is the degree date. The degree title is translated into English. Directives for how diplomas should be designed are decided by the Vice-Chancellor. Diplomas are issued by the Vice-Chancellor.

Diplomas state the degree title, entire and completed approved course credits, any credit-transferred courses and the scope of credits. Since 1 July 2007, all degrees comprise an exact number of credits included in the exam. In order to obtain a degree in accordance with the amendments to the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 2006: 1053), it is required that at least one of the courses to be included in the degree has been completed after 1 July 2007.

The diploma must be accompanied by an appendix describing the education and its place in the education system (HF Chapter 6, Section 10). The appendix, which is called the Diploma Supplement, is written in English and is attached to all diplomas (the Swedish Council for Higher Education's has issued regulations on the appendix to diplomas, UHRFS 2013: 9).

4. Specific transitional rules when a degree permit is removed

If the Swedish Higher Education Authority has decided that a certain degree may no longer be issued, the university or college may issue diplomas for those students who have begun their education at that university or college before the decision.

5. Possibility to appeal

According to Chapter 12, Section 2 of the Higher Education Ordinance, a refusal of a student's request to obtain a diploma can be appealed. Information on how a decision is appealed must be provided in an appeal reference, attached to the decision. The appeal reference must appear in the decision. The appeal reference must contain the following information (43 - 44 §§ of the Public Administration Act 2017:900):

The decision can be appealed to the authority – the Higher Education Appeals Board. The appeal must be made in writing. In the appeal, the appellant must state which decision is being appealed and in which way the decision is to be changed. The appeal must be submitted to Överklagandenämnden för högskolan, Box 7249, 103 89 Stockholm, but must be submitted to the Kungl. Konsthögskolan, registrator, Box 16315, 103 26 Stockholm. The appeal must have been received by the Royal Institute of Art within three weeks from the day when the appellant received the decision through the Royal Institute of Art.

An appeal may not be rejected for any reason other than that it was received too late.

The Royal Institute of Art first reconsiders the decision and changes it if any mistake has been made or if new circumstances give rise to changes. The appeal shall then, together with the previous decision, the new decision (if such has been made after reconsideration) and other



documents in the case as well as a statement from the university be submitted to the Higher Education Appeals Board. This must be done within a week of the appeal being received by the university. If the statement is then not ready, the case must still be submitted to the Higher Education Appeals Board. It should then be stated within what time the statement will be submitted. The statement must then be completed promptly.

Decisions made by the Higher Education Appeals Board cannot be appealed.