

**STUDIES IN ENGLISH**  
**Course programme for**  
**Instrumental studies**  
**first cycle studies**

**I. Main information:**

1. course name: instrumental studies
2. specialization:
  - piano
  - double bass
3. level of study: first cycle studies
4. course profile: general academic
5. mode of study: full-time programme
6. semester total: 6
7. number of ECTS credits required to graduate the study: 180
8. professional degree awarded to graduates: bachelor's degree
9. field of study: arts; discipline: musical arts

**Additional information:**

Under justified circumstances, remote teaching by means of distance learning methods and use of new technologies will be approved.

Information on the study process and intended education outcomes:

Educational outcomes as prescribed for each major are achieved through implementing the courses listed below in line with list of required courses. Programme contents, methodology of teaching and methods of evaluation are outlined and defined in each course syllabus.

## II. A course syllabus includes:

1. programme contents aimed to produce intended education outcomes
2. education outcomes as defined for each class
3. forms and methods of instruction aimed to support education outcomes
4. assessment and evaluation methods used to monitor Students' progress
5. number of ECTS credits awarded for the course

## III. Diploma requirements

The qualification is awarded to all Students who successfully fulfil the following requirements:

- 1) Student achieved intended education outcomes as prescribed in the programme of study, scoring a minimum of 180 ECTS credits
- 2) Student completed their diploma exam;

The diploma piece must be an independent artistic enterprise, such as a recital or complete luthiery piece followed by a description of the performance/piece which demonstrates Students' general understanding and skills related to their course, level and profile of the study, as well as their ability to critically analyse content and formulate own conclusions. All Academy artistic and practical diploma pieces are held publicly, and are performed at a venue specified by the Head of each Institute, independent of any possible Student requests. Should a Student submit a justified request not to hold the artistic part of their diploma piece publicly, the piece may be performed without an audience present. Students complete the studies on the day they submit their diploma exam, provided the exam was awarded at least a satisfactory (3.00) grade. The date and venue for each diploma exam is specified by the Head of each Institute in line with the schedule prescribed for each Faculty and major. However, the diploma exam cannot be held later than on the 10th of July. Head of Institute, upon Rector's acceptance, may specify a later date for the diploma exam, however, the date cannot be later than September of the same year provided the documented request by the Student is justifiable by:

- a) prolonged severe health condition or hospitalization,
- b) child birth and early child care,
- c) death of a close relative,
- d) other, justified force majeure reasons,

or on the Head's initiative under unexpected circumstances due to organizational issues outside of the Head's control. The request to postpone the diploma exam must include a consent by the dissertation supervisor.

Students prepare for the diploma exam under the supervision of a member of the Academy faculty, who holds a PhD (Pl: doktor) or a higher degree. Head of each Institute can authorise a professional outside the Academy to act as a dissertation supervisor, or in case of first cycle studies and by way of exception, a professional with a master's degree (Pl: magister). The diploma exam comprises a theoretical oral exam on topics related to the major. The diploma exams in the Academy are non-public, held at a venue specified by a Head of an Institute, provided no insurmountable issues arise. However, Students can request a public exam. The diploma exam is held in front of a committee appointed at least 14 days prior to the exam date. The committee must consist of at least 3 members who are appointed by the Head of a relevant Institute. The chair of the committee must be a Head of an Institute, or a vice Head of an Institute or any member of teaching faculty appointed by the Head of the relevant Institute where the diploma piece was prepared.

In case of:

- a) a failing grade on their diploma exam, the candidate is not entitled to retakes.
- b) a justified absence at the diploma exam, the Head of Institute will specify another date of the exam,

- c) an unjustified absence at the diploma exam, the Dean will decide to dismiss the Student from the Academy.

In case the Student receives a failing grade on their diploma exam the Dean moves to dismiss the Student from the Academy no later than by the end of the retake exam session.

The overall grade is awarded based on:

- a) the artistic diploma piece
- b) the diploma exam
- c) grade average, including all exam and passing grades awarded in the course of studies.

The diploma exam grade and the grade for the artistic and practical diploma piece are awarded by all committee members as decided in the course of committee proceedings. The committee can also award the grade based on the mean of grades awarded by individual members, should any of the committee members request so. During the diploma exam Student is expected to demonstrate the knowledge related to their course major and specialisation, including an understanding of issues related to their dissertation, if they wrote such. The scope of the diploma exam is defined in the programme of study. The grades awarded for the diploma exam are defined by Student Rules and Regulations, Section § 30.

The diploma certificate contains the overall grade for the entire period of studies, calculated as a mean and rounded up in line with the following rules:

<b>11-15 points</b>	(11-15.49)	<b>sufficient</b>	(3)
<b>16-20 points</b>	(15.50-20.49)	<b>good</b>	(4)
<b>21-24 points</b>	(20.50-24.00)	<b>very good</b>	(5)
<b>25 points</b>	(24.01-25)	<b>outstanding</b>	(6)

The grade is rounded up only on the diploma certificate, any other certificates document the actual unrounded overall grade. Student may graduate with honours, if the following requirements are fulfilled:

- a) they completed all courses within the time prescribed by the programme of study,
- b) they were awarded an overall mean (including exam and passing grades) of at least 20 points,
- c) they were awarded at least 23 points on their diploma exam,
- d) they were awarded an outstanding grade for their artistic diploma piece.

The honours are awarded by the exam committee who holds the diploma exam.

By way of exception and if requested by the exam committee the Rector can award honours even if the requirements defined in subsection 1 above are not met, provided the Student has demonstrated exceptionally worthy artistic achievements. The honours are listed on the diploma certificate (Pl: z wyróżnieniem), and the diploma is presented to the Graduate during the following academic year opening ceremony.