Facilities

Studies at the academy take place in three separate buildings that are located close to one another. The main building includes lecture halls, dance studios, black box theatre, painting and computer classrooms, library and café. The advantages of the Music House are its soundproof classrooms, chamber hall, recording studio and organ room. Viims House has modern multimedia studio, woodworking shop, room for prop and design crafts workshops, several auditoriums and Viljandi Creative Foundation's textile workshops. Student dormitories are also located nearby.

About Viljandi

Viljandi is an idyllic, small town on the shore of a beautiful lake and it is well known for its lively cultural scene. The slogan “Born to be creative” suitably characterises the cultural life in Viljandi to which the Culture Academy, Ugala Theatre, Estonian Folk Music Center, Sakala Cultural Center, Kondas Center of Naive Art and many other culture institutions give their fair share. Viljandi with its small size, beautiful nature and rich cultural life creates an excellent environment for a vibrant student life.

Distances:

~160 km from Tallinn
~80 km from Tartu
WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TARTU VILJANDI CULTURE ACADEMY

University of Tartu
The University of Tartu, founded in 1632, is the birthplace and heart of higher education in Estonia. As a leading centre of research and training it has become the driving force of Estonian academic spirit, culture and innovation. It is an internationally renowned, strong university where students and researchers have an environment comparable to the world’s best universities and where the highest possible academic standards are maintained. The university is the steward of Estonian national culture and Viljandi Culture Academy is its main institution for creative arts.

University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy
Viljandi Culture Academy is a melting pot for knowledge, culture and dialogue. We provide our students with education of the highest quality and active interaction with the society and our community. As such, it is one of the most exciting places for aspiring cultural and artistic students and practitioners to hone their creative skills and broaden their intellectual horizons. Viljandi Culture Academy is characterised by openness to the outside world and active collaboration with our partners. The academy unites traditional approaches with modern ones, merges the local with the international, combines science with creative arts, and integrates theory and practice.

Education in the academy spans four departments where graduate and undergraduate study programmes are offered to more than 700 students.

For foreign students
Main language of instruction in Viljandi Culture Academy is Estonian. Foreign students who want to pursue a degree in Viljandi and have been accepted to our academy but do not yet have sufficient command of Estonian can participate in the Estonian intensive course at University of Tartu. We have special English study modules for our short term exchange students (Erasmus+, Nordplus etc). Information about the study modules can be found here: www.kultuur.ut.ee/en/international

PERFORMING ARTS
• Dance Art
  Dance Teacher
• Theatre Art
  Actor-Director, Amateur Theatre Director
  Prop and Stage Designer, Light Designer,
  Stage Manager, Performing Arts Multimedia Specialist

MUSIC
• Music
  Sound Engineering,
  Rhythm Music,
  Traditional Music,
  School Music
  • Traditional Music MA

ESTONIAN NATIVE CRAFTS
• Estonian Native Crafts
  Estonian Native Textile,
  Estonian Native Metalwork,
  Estonian Native Construction
  • Native Crafts MA

CULTURAL EDUCATION
• Leisure Time Manager-Teacher
• Cultural Management
• Teacher of Arts and Technology MA
  School Theatre Instructor, Art Teacher,
  Teacher of Handicraft and Home Economics,
  Teacher of Smart Technologies, Teacher of Technology, Music Teacher in general education school

Studies and student life in the Academy
Viljandi Culture Academy students acquire cutting-edge competence in their respective subject matter. Our four departments create perfect conditions for interdisciplinary collaboration. Students here are provided with a vibrant environment for intellectual fearlessness. Our staff members are nationally and internationally recognised authorities in their specialist fields, and include a number of musicians who perform at venues across Estonia and the world.

Students will be encouraged to actively engage not only in the classroom but also in the culture scene, because they will regularly attend cultural events as a part of their education. During the degree programme, they will develop skills for analysing art and culture and discuss their experiences from historical, political, theoretical and social perspectives. After graduation, students will be able to reflect critically on artistic and cultural phenomena and contribute to the global debate on culture and the arts.

Some of our well-known and traditional events include The Student Theatre Festival, Young Musician School, Dance Week, Ethnic Fashion Show, Craft Camp, Performance Day, Culture Landing, Weekly Jazz Club and several public lecture series.

Whether you study in one of our many academic programs or in any other field, at Viljandi Culture Academy you can take advantage of hundreds of activities and artistic events. As a vocal cultural activity or professional specialisation, the arts here know no bounds and culture really does live here!