



Dear first year Fine Art student,

### **Welcome at Minerva!**

This letter is to inform you about all kinds of practical matters concerning the start of your study at Minerva Art Academy. About the introduction and start-up, about your class, your teachers and where to find all other information you will need.

We are optimistic that we can start the programme with all classes at the academy and in our studios, though some classes might be online. Of course, we also consider the possibility we need to start the programme under COVID-19 restrictions, in which case there will be a combination of online and on-site education.

### **The start-up**

At the start of the academic year we hope to welcoming you personally at Minerva on **Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>**. You will meet all new Fine Art first-year students in the **Central Hall at 08.45 AM** in the building on the Zuiderdiep 158. There you will be divided into smaller groups and have a tour through all technical workshops in both Minerva buildings. After that, at 11 AM you will meet your teachers and your group in your own group studio. In the attached schedule you will find the room numbers and an overview of activities.

You are also expected at Minerva, in your studio, on **Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. You can install yourselves in your studio, setting up your work station, and you will find white wallpaint to paint the walls. It will be your base for the coming year. You better make it your own.

Also, you will meet second-year Fine Art students, who will help you find your way. There will be several introductory activities throughout the day, until about 7 PM.

For students from outside the Netherlands there is an virtual Virtual International Welcoming Day on **Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **Studio allocation**

As a first-year student you will share a studio with your class. In the student list you can find in which studio room your class houses. Questions concerning the studio's and attached schedule, please contact the student studio support desk at [studentsupportdeskABK@org.hanze.nl](mailto:studentsupportdeskABK@org.hanze.nl). This desk is run by three Fine Art students, who coordinate studio's and assist students in many ways.

### **Online digital schedule: DigiRooster**

As soon as the academic schedule is published, you can find [DigiRooster](#) on the home page of our website after logging in as a student, in the Quick launch menu. Select the School SABK, look for Year 1 and select your group, Fine Art 1A, 1B or 1C.

The Academic Calendar 2021-2022 is attached and you [can find here online](#).

### **Study Guide**

Attached to this letter, you will find the Fine Art Study Guide. This has all relevant information and more about the Fine Art programme and Minerva Art Academy. Who is who, where is what and where to find further information. Keep this at hand to find your way and answers to your questions.

### **Questions during the summer holidays**

Academy Minerva will be closed from July 26 to August 22, 2021. When you have questions during this period check our website under '[Start of the academic year](#)'. Here you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions. If your answer is not there, please mail to: [bachelorminervabkv@org.hanze.nl](mailto:bachelorminervabkv@org.hanze.nl). From August 23<sup>rd</sup>,

the programme supporters will also be available again to help you further.

**If you arrive after September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please let us know if you will arrive in Groningen after September 1<sup>st</sup>, because of the visa application delays or travel restrictions. Please send an email to [bachelorminervabkv@org.hanze.nl](mailto:bachelorminervabkv@org.hanze.nl).

**Coronavirus**

Latest updates from Hanze UAS: <https://www.hanze.nl/eng/organisation/hanze-uas/coronavirus-public>

Help prevent the spread of coronavirus, by self-quarantining you prevent others from becoming infected.

Do the quarantine check on: <https://quarantainecheck.rijksoverheid.nl/en>

**Travelling to the Netherlands:**

Up-to-date information on the [Dutch Government site of Foreign Affairs](#).

**Explore Groningen virtually**

In this game, you can already experience what it is like to be a student in Groningen. Discover the streets of the city centre, see how students in Groningen live, explore the Zernike campus and enjoy Groningen's vibrant nightlife. You will even learn some typical Groningen words, recipes and facts on the way. Before you know it you'll feel right at home and you might find yourself showing Groningers around in their own city.

<https://groningen.nl/en/study/discover-student-life/game>

***Important:*** You will only be able to participate in all (online) activities after all registration requirements have been met. Deadline for meeting the registration requirements is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to meeting you in real-life!

Kind regards,

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**Attachments**

- 01 – Schedule Start week
- 02 – Fine Art Study Guide
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- 04 – Minerva Workshop Guide
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