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- History** ■ The Academy of Fine Arts was established in 1799 as the oldest art school in the Czech lands. Its main building was built in 1903. The study program was based on painting, graphics, sculpture, architecture, later extended by studios of Intermedia, New Media, Conceptual, Installation-Sculpture, Drawing and Restoration.

According to the Act of Tertiary Education, the Academy started functioning as a state school of higher education as of January 1, 1999. It offers Master's and Doctoral study programs in the fields of art, new media, restoration of art works, and architecture, coupled with activities in the field of science and art. In a local as well as international context the Academy fulfills its role as a prestigious cultural institution, guarantees the advancement of the selected branches, and contributes to lifelong education and cultural development. As a prestigious and elite school, being also the youngest school of higher education in the Czech Republic, it provides the necessary conditions to foster creative growth among young individuals of exceptional talent. Along with art instruction carried out, above all, in the form of studio practice, the Academy simultaneously develops theoretical reflection on artistic creation through contact with contemporary trends. It seeks to encompass the whole spectrum of today's art activities, and enable its students to look for themselves within the open structure of the school and among the various studios, disciplines and personalities. The Academy of Fine Arts fosters an open, plural and flexible inner structure based on the principles of independence and freedom of creativity stated in the self-government of the Academic Community.

Structure of the Institution

- **Master's degree:**
Painting, Drawing and Printmaking, Sculpture, Intermedia Studies, New Media, Restoration of Artworks, Architecture

Postgraduate Program:
Fine Arts, Restoration, Architecture

Organization of Studies

- The Academy of Fine Arts in Prague is a university-type institution of higher education. It offers Master's and Doctoral study programs, in conjunction with creative art and science research activities. The duration of a Master's Degree study is six years. It is a full-time program focused on a challenging preparation in the field of art and the development of a talent. A completed secondary education is a necessary condition for admittance. In exceptional cases, applicants without a completed secondary degree might be admitted. A Master's Degree in Architecture takes three years upon previous completion of the BA Degree in Architecture. The Academy of Fine Art in Prague is not accredited to provide instruction in English. International applicants who wish to pursue study programs in the Czech language have to meet criteria for admission and study that are the same as for Czech citizens. In these cases they are not liable for study fees.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

■ Total number of students	307
Number of students in Bachelor degree programmes	0
Number of students in Master degree programmes	294
Number of students in Doctoral degree programmes	13
Number of foreign students	28
Number of graduates	41
Number of academic staff	75