

## STUDY GUIDE

### PRESENTATION OF ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS G. CARRARA

Accademia di belle arti G. Carrara, established in 1796, is one of the oldest fine art academies in Italy. A public institution for higher education in art, run by the Bergamo city council, the Accademia di belle arti G. Carrara is part of the artistic higher education system of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.

Uniting a rich heritage with a spirit of innovation, the Academy aims to grasp and explore the profound transformations in contemporary visual culture. The academy's educational approach is characterised by its cross-disciplinary and experimental research in the field of contemporary art and digital culture. The deliberately limited size of the institution allows for close relationships between teachers and students and the creation of highly personalised courses.

A partnership with the University of Bergamo allows for a cultural collaboration and an exchange of taught courses. The historical link with the Accademia Carrara (Museum) and the GAMEC – Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art – makes Bergamo a national hub of artistic culture.

### COURSES

The Academy offers two first level courses in *Painting/Visual arts* and in *New technologies for art* (three years each).

#### FIRST LEVEL DIPLOMA IN PAINTINGS – VISUAL ARTS

The First Level Diploma in Painting/Visual Arts allows students to experiment with all mediums that are part of contemporary art (painting, drawing, video, photography, installations, performance, engraving, etc.). The course offers students the theoretic and methodical tools necessary to approach today's visual arts, develop an experimental attitude and the capacity to carry out their own research in an autonomous way.

[See on the website: Erasmus > Incoming Students > Study Plans and Didattica for detailed info on the programs.](#)

#### FIRST LEVEL DIPLOMA IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR ART

The First Level Diploma in New Technologies for art allows students to experiment with the different mediums in the field of digital culture. The course offers students the theoretical tools and methods needed to approach the artistic practices inherent to multimedia project, develop an experimental attitude and the capacity to carry out their own research in an autonomous way.

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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
First semester	from the middle of October to last week of January (Christmas holidays: two weeks).
Second semester	from the last week of February to the end of May (Easter holiday: one week).
Exams	after the end of the lessons (three sessions: February, from mid-June to mid-July, from mid-September to mid-October).
<a href="#">See on the website: Didattica &gt; Calendario didattico</a>	

<b>CREDIT SYSTEM – ECTS</b>
The Academy follows the ECTS system, in accordance with the principles of the ECTS Guide.  In Italian grading system, positive grades are from 18/30 to 30/30 cum laude. The lowest passing grade is 18/30, the highest is 30/30 cum laude.
<a href="http://www.accademiabellearti.bg.it/didattica/diploma-supplement-en">http://www.accademiabellearti.bg.it/didattica/diploma-supplement-en</a> See: <a href="#">Chart ECTS – Academy of Fine Arts G. Carrara</a>

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (ERASMUS OFFICE)**

International mobility is coordinated by the International Relations Office, in collaboration with the Administrative Secretariat (Segreteria) and the Student's Office (Segreteria Didattica):

<http://www.accademiabellearti.bg.it/erasmus/contacts>

In collaboration with Bergamo Erasmus Students Network (ESN Bergamo) and AEGEE, the Office offers students and staff general welcome information in English, assistance for: finding an accommodation and logistic support (Bergamo is easily reachable thanks to the international airport of Bergamo Orio al Serio).

Incoming students will be provided a card which allows free entrance to Accademia Carrara (the Museum) and to GAMEC - Galleria d'arte moderna e contemporanea, and free entry or a discount to museums and other cultural activities throughout Italy.

**Useful addresses:**

ESN - Erasmus Student Network Bergamo  
[www.esnbergamo.it](http://www.esnbergamo.it)

AEGEE - Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe - Bergamo  
[www.aegeebergamo.eu.it](http://www.aegeebergamo.eu.it)

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